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Dept. of Justice: Child sexual predator convicted in Buffalo County

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MADISON, Wis. – Today, Attorney General Brad Schimel is announcing the successful prosecution of 33-year-old Jacob D. Vogel of Winona, MN. Vogel pled guilty in Buffalo County Circuit Court to charges of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Under Age 13 and Child Enticement.

“With this conviction, justice has finally been served to this victim and their family,” said Attorney General Schimel. “Putting this man in prison is just one part of how the criminal justice system can support survivors of sexual assault. I spent more than 25 years as a prosecutor, largely in the sensitive crimes unit, and I have seen time and again how prosecutors can deliver justice to survivors. Case by case, DOJ will continue to serve survivors by providing the support they need and deserve.”

This conviction is the result of a lengthy investigation conducted by the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with additional assistance by the Holmen Police Department. The Buffalo County District Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Service Coordinator provided crime victim assistance and support. DOJ Assistant Attorney General Shelly Rusch served as special prosecutor.

On January 3, 2018, Vogel pled guilty to the charges of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Under Age 13 and Child Enticement. Four additional felonies were dismissed and read-in for sentencing, meaning that Vogel admitted to the conduct charged and the judge can consider the dismissed conduct at sentencing. A sentencing hearing is scheduled on March 15, 2018.

Under Attorney General Schimel’s leadership, DOJ has reformed sexual assault response protocols, advocated for legislation that protects survivors, trained communities to respond to sexual assault with a trauma-informed, victim-centered

approach, and championed the testing of previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits in Wisconsin.