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Employee of program for disabled adults sentenced to five years in prison for attempted sexual abuse of a client and attempted child sexual abuse of fiancé's child

Washington, D.C. - A Temple Hills, Maryland man, Michael Jonathan Thompson, who worked at a local day program for disabled persons, was sentenced today to a total of 5 years of incarceration related to his sexually abusing a client and, in a separate matter, sexually abusing his fiancé's daughter, announced United States Attorney Kenneth L. Wainstein.

Thompson, 40, pled guilty on March 10, 2006, before the Honorable Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. to Attempt First Degree Sexual Abuse of a Client and Attempt First Degree Child Sexual Abuse. Thompson was sentenced to 24 months of incarceration for sexually abusing a physically and mentally disabled woman and 36 months in prison for sexually abusing his fiancé's daughter. The sentences will run consecutive to each other. The defendant will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. During the sentencing, the defendant admitted that he had "sexual problems" and through his attorney indicated that he had suppressed his urges for more than 20 years, until the time of these offenses.

According to the government's evidence, on March 24, 2005, the adult victim was attending the Associated Community Services, Inc. (ACS) Day Program located in Southeast Washington D.C. ACS assists disabled individuals with developing their job skills. Thompson, who was a work activities coordinator for ACS, was responsible for assisting the victim and other disabled individuals with developing employment skills, such as filing and computer data entry. The victim, who had cerebral palsy, used the assistance of a wheelchair for her daily activities.

While she was awaiting the arrival of the van that would transport her home, Thompson told the victim to come to him. When she refused, the defendant approached her and pushed her wheelchair into a back room of the ACS facility. He released the seatbelt on her wheelchair, pulled down her clothing and sexually assaulted her. The defendant told the victim not to tell anyone about the sexual assault. Once she was transported home, the victim immediately disclosed the sexual assault.

In an unrelated case, according to the government's evidence, on December 13, 2005, Thompson went to his fiancé's home located in Northeast Washington D.C. He went upstairs and asked his fiancé's 11-year-old daughter for a hug. When she hugged him, the defendant put his hand into her pajamas and sexually assaulted her. Thompson gave the child \$20 and told her not to tell anyone about the assault. The next morning the child disclosed the abuse to her mother by stating, "Tell Jonathan to stop touching me." Her mother also observed a \$20 bill crumpled on the bedroom floor.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Wainstein commended the work of lead Detective Lisa Adams Williams of the Sexual Assault Unit and lead Investigator David Gargac of the Youth Investigations Branch, both of the Metropolitan Police Department. Mr. Wainstein also thanked Office of Inspector General Special Agent Jacqueline Franklin and attorney Dangkhua Ngyuen, who provided assistance, and Victim Witness Advocate Iris Vega for her support of both victims. Also commended were legal assistant Donice Adams, paralegal Joyce Arthur, and Technology Specialists Oliver John-Baptiste, Tim Linder, and Errol Spears who were essential to the preparation of both cases. Lastly, U.S. Attorney Wainstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Kimya Jones, who investigated and prosecuted both cases.