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CHAPIN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MOLESTING CLAY COUNTY GIRL

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces the Honorable Steven Whittington sentenced Dustin Chapin Sr. to 30 years in Florida State Prison with a 25-year mandatory minimum for the 2018 molestation of an 11-year-old Clay County girl. A Clay County jury found Chapin guilty of Lewd or Lascivious Molestation after a November 2024 trial.

On May 19, 2018, the victim's mother called the Clay County Sheriff's Office to report Chapin for molesting her 11-year-old daughter. The victim's mother took her to get medically evaluated. The investigation discovered the victim, her mother, and Chapin were at the victim's grandmother's house. The victim went to bed in the guest room and woke up to Chapin in the room. The victim reported Chapin touched her genitals multiple times and tried to kiss her. The victim ran out of the room and found her mom to report what happened. The victim's underwear was placed into evidence. Chapin's DNA was tested and compared to DNA found on the victim's underwear, and it was a match.

The case was investigated by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant State Attorneys Cara Devlin and Randi Daugustinis.