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Details: Springfield man sentenced to 30 years for child sexual abuse

On May 6, 2023, Springfield Police Department arrested Jay Lee Kerbow, age 42, at a residence in the 6100 block of Main Street for violence against his domestic partner. While in-custody at the Lane County Jail pending trial on that matter, Springfield Police detectives developed information that Kerbow had been recently sexually abusing a 5-year-old girl. SPD investigated the matter, including serving two search warrants locating supporting evidence. Kerbow claimed to the investigators he had little memory of events related to the child due to extensive methamphetamine use. Kerbow was charged in Lane County Circuit Court with eight counts related to his abuse of the child.

Yesterday (June 27, 2023), Kerbow appeared before Lane County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Jay A. McAlpin to enter guilty pleas related to the case involving the sexual abuse of the child, as well as the domestic violence case. He entered guilty pleas to the following six crimes:

- Sodomy in the First Degree (x2)
- Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct (x2)
- Felony Strangulation Constituting Domestic Violence
- Menacing Constituting Domestic Violence

Judge McAlpin sentenced Kerbow to thirty (30) years prison with no possibility of early release, followed by lifetime post-prison supervision. He is also required to register as a sex offender. He was remanded to the Lane County Sheriff for transportation to state prison.