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Registered sex offender gets 10 years in Spotsylvania for offending again

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A Partlow man who was already a registered sex offender for crimes he committed as a minor was ordered Tuesday to serve 10 years in prison for a new offense in Spotsylvania County.

Julian Michael Myers, 20, pleaded guilty in Spotsylvania Circuit Court to aggravated sexual battery. As part of a plea agreement, he was sentenced to 20 years with half of it suspended.

According to the evidence presented by prosecutor Crystal Montague-Holland, the crime occurred Aug. 6 at a home in Spotsylvania. The 9-year-old victim was spending the night with a friend when Myers, who the victim did not know, showed up at the home.

The victim, her friend and the friend's 11-year-old brother were watching a movie and were joined by Myers. He asked the victim to sit with him and had her on one side of a large chair and the boy on the other side.

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After putting a blanket over all three of them, the girl described to Detective Kelly Mills how Myers improperly touched her several times. He then grabbed her hand "like a girlfriend and a boyfriend" and asked her to sleep with him.

The girl said she told him that was not a good idea because she kicks in her sleep.

Nothing was said about the incident until the next month after the homeowner noticed that the victim had stopped coming to the home. When she tried to arrange another sleepover for Sept. 16, the girl told the woman that she was afraid to come over because she feared that Myers might be there.

After hearing the details of the Aug. 6 incident, the woman instructed the victim to tell her own mother. The homeowner told police that she allowed Myers into her home that weekend because he told her he'd been kicked out by his mother and had no place to stay. The woman said she knew nothing about Myers' criminal background.

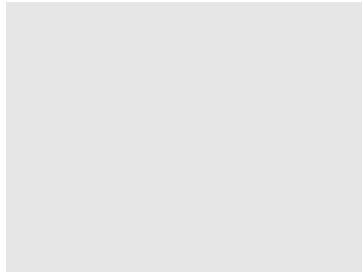
Myers had been placed on the Virginia State Police sex offender registry in 2013 for a sexual assaults against a juvenile in King and Queen County in 2012.

Mills later located Myers at his grandmother's house in Stafford County. At first he repeatedly denied the allegations, saying he had learned his lesson from past offenses and had gotten the help he needed.

But he eventually stated, "I'm not going to lie, you'll find the truth easily."

The plea agreement requires Myers to get further treatment and to have no contact with the victim. The prosecution also agreed to not charge him with any crimes involving the victim's friend that may have occurred in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017.

Montague-Holland said it was important to keep the child from being further traumatized by having to testify in court.



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