

Man gets eight years in Spotsylvania molestation case

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A Spotsylvania County man was ordered Wednesday to serve eight years in prison after being convicted of sexually molesting a 13-year-old girl.

Shawn Anthony Leatch, 47, was found guilty in Spotsylvania Circuit Court of sodomy and aggravated sexual battery. He entered Alford pleas to the charges, meaning he did not admit guilt but acknowledged that the evidence was sufficient to bring a conviction.

Prosecutor Crystal Montague–Holland said the offenses took place between July and October 2016. The victim was having an argument with her mother when she informed the mother what Leatch had been doing. The mother then contacted police and Leatch was arrested earlier this year.

The girl claimed there were more incidents than what Leatch was charged with. Leatch adamantly insisted that he did none of the things he was accused of, but defense attorney Andy Cornick said he was “deeply concerned” about taking the case to a jury and did not want to make the child testify in open court.



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