



The Honorable James McGlynn
Hardin County Courthouse
1215 Edgington Ave
Eldora, IA 50627

February 17, 2018

Your Honor,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming sentencing of Dean Hilpipre. I am writing to ask that you please consider rejecting the plea agreement that is being presented. I find it to be unjust for the victim, as well as unsafe for the community. It is my understanding that there has been an assessment completed saying that he is unlikely to reoffend. This assessment does not negate the fact that he has already committed abuse to this victim several times. I am a believer that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior; this is why I fear for the safety of the victim, as well as the community.

I feel that we live in a society that, not only blames victims, but often assumes the victim is lying. Coming from a small community, many members of the community want to believe this act is untrue, or this could not happen "in our town." I fear that a plea deal that leads to a perpetrator not serving any time for his crime, only further contributes to this way of thinking.

As a  I know that sexual abuse among children is an epidemic. Please help to provide justice for this little girl, and help to prevent further crimes such as this from taking place.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

