

BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION
AND
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

FILED

JUN 19 2017

**ATTY REG & DISC COMM
CHICAGO**

In the Matter of:

JAIME TEODORO ZEAS,

Attorney-Respondent,

No. 6288733.

Commission No. **2017PR00059**

COMPLAINT

Jerome Larkin, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, by his attorney, Christopher Heredia, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 761(d), complains of Respondent, Jaime Teodoro Zeas, who was licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois on May 4, 2006, and alleges that Respondent has engaged in the following conduct which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 770:

(Criminal Conviction for Child Pornography)

1. On May 24, 2015, a McHenry County Grand Jury indicted Respondent on one count of the offense of child pornography, a Class 1 felony, in the matter of *The People of the State of Illinois v. James T. Zeas*, docket number 15CF000297, in the Circuit Court of the Twenty Second Judicial Circuit, McHenry County. Count One of the indictment charged that Respondent committed the offense of child pornography, in that Respondent knowingly filmed A. S., a child whom defendant knew or reasonably should have known to be under the age of 18 years, depicted or portrayed in any pose, posture or setting involving the lewd exhibition of the unclothed fully or partially developed breasts of A. S. and where within one year of the victim attaining the age of 18, the statute of limitations was extended pursuant to Chapter 720, Section

5/3-5(a) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes to allow for a prosecution of this offense to be committed at any time, in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/11-20.1(a)(1)(viii) of the 2009 Illinois Compiled Statutes. A certified copy of the indictment is attached as Exhibit One.

2. On February 3, 2017, following a bench trial before the Hon. Michael Feetterer, Respondent was found guilty on Count One of the indictment.

3. On June 14, 2017, the Hon. Sharon Prather sentenced Respondent to four years imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections. A certified copy of Respondent's conviction and sentencing order is attached as Exhibit Two.

4. By reason of the conduct outlined above, Respondent has engaged in the following misconduct:

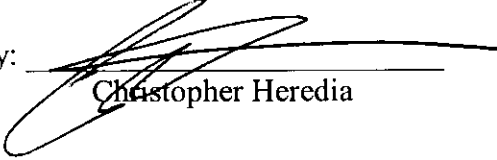
- a. committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct by conduct including committing the offense of child pornography, in violation of 720 ILCS §5/11-20.1(a)(1)(vii).

WHEREFORE, the Administrator requests that this case be assigned to a panel of the Hearing Board, that a hearing be conducted, that the panel make findings of fact and conclusions of fact and law and a recommendation for such discipline as is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Larkin, Administrator
Attorney Registration and
Disciplinary Commission

By: _____


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ADMINISTRATOR'S EXHIBIT 1

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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MAY 14 2015

KATHERINE M. KEEFE
McHENRY CTY. CIR. CLK.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)

vs.)

JAMES T ZEAS)

DOB: 05/26/1968)

291 DEER TRAIL)

LAKE BARRINGTON, IL 60010)

No. 15CF000297

Report No. 15-224

Agency: ALGONQUIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

BILL OF INDICTMENT

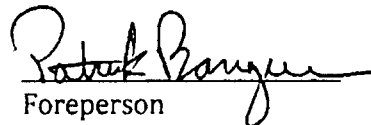
Count I

The Grand Jury charges:

That on or between June 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, inclusive, in McHenry County, State of Illinois, James T. Zeas, defendant committed the offense of CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, in that said defendant knowingly filmed [REDACTED] a child whom defendant knew or reasonably should have known to be under the age of 18 years, depicted or portrayed in any pose, posture or setting involving the lewd exhibition of the unclothed fully or partially developed breasts of [REDACTED] and where within one year of the victim attaining the age of 18, the statute of limitations was extended pursuant to Chapter 720, Section 5/3-5(a) of the Illinois Compiled Statutes to allow for a prosecution of this offense to be commenced at any time., in violation of Chapter 720, Section 5/11-20.1(a)(1)(vii) of the 2009 Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Class I Felony

A TRUE BILL


Foreperson

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine M. Keefe, Clerk of the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court
McHenry County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above correct
copy as it appears from the records and files in my office.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
caused to be affixed the Seal of the said Court

DATE: 02/15/2017



KATHERINE M. KEEFE, Clerk of Court



LIST OF WITNESSES

DETECTIVE MISTY MARINIER

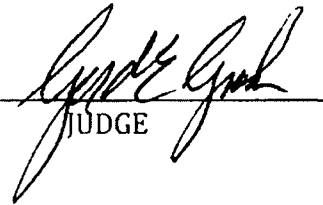
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22nd JUDICIAL COURT

McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The within indictment returned in open court on MAY 14, 2015.

Total bail set, ~~with warrant of arrest ordered to issue~~ \$10,000.00, 10% posted.



JUDGE

ADMINISTRATOR'S EXHIBIT 2

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
22 nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Date of Sentence 6-14-17

vs.

Case No. 15CF297

FILED
McHenry County, Illinois

Date of Birth 5/26/68
(Defendant)

Year of Birth '94
(Victim)

James T. Zeas
Defendant

JUN 14 2017

JUDGEMENT - SENTENCE TO ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ABA Eisenstein
Atty - B. Lewis

WHEREAS the above-named defendant has been adjudged guilty of the offenses enumerated below.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendant be and hereby is sentenced to confinement in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the term of years and months specified for each offense.

COUNT	DATE OF OFFENSE	STATUTORY OFFENSE	CITATION	CLASS	SENTENCE	MSR
<u>1</u>	<u>4/1/09 - 9/30/09</u>	<u>Child Pornography</u>	<u>720 ILCS 5/11-20-1</u>	<u>(a)(1)(vii)</u>	<u>4</u> Yrs. <u>0</u> Mos.	<u>3</u> Yrs to Natural Life
and said sentence shall run (<input type="checkbox"/> concurrent with) (<input type="checkbox"/> consecutive to) the sentence imposed on: _____						
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____ Yrs. _____ Mos. _____ Yr.	_____
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and said sentence shall run (<input type="checkbox"/> concurrent with) (<input type="checkbox"/> consecutive to) the sentence imposed on: _____						

The Court finds that the defendant is:

- ☐ Eligible for and is sentenced to an extended term pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-8-2.
- ☐ Convicted of a class _____ offense but sentenced as a Class X offender pursuant to 730 ILCS 5/5-5-3(c)(8).
- ☒ The Court finds that the defendant is entitled to receive credit for time actually served in custody from 4/24/15 [specify date(s)] to 4/24/15 from 2/3/17 to 6/14/17 from _____ to _____
- ☐ The Court further finds that the conduct leading to conviction for the offence enumerated in counts _____ resulted in great bodily harm to the victim. (730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(2)(iii)).
- ☐ The Court further finds that the defendant meets the eligibility requirements and is approved for placement in the Impact Incarceration program. If the Department accepts the defendant and determines that the defendant has successfully completed the program, the sentence shall be reduced to time considered served upon certification to the Court by the Department that the defendant has successfully completed the program. Written consent is attached.

- ☐ The Court further finds that the offense was committed as a result of the use of, abuse of, or
- ☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sentence(s) imposed on count(s) _____ be (☐ sentence imposed in case number _____ in the Circuit Court of _____ County.
- ☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant serve ☐ 75% ☐ 85% ☐ 100% of said sentence
- ☐ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court deliver a certified copy of this order to t

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine M. Keefe, Clerk of the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court McHenry County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above correct copy as it appears from the records and files in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the said Court

DATE: 06/15/2017

Katherine M. Keefe

KATHERINE M. KEEFE, Clerk of Court

- ☒ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff take the defendant into custody and deliver him to the Department of Corrections which shall confine said defendant until expiration of his sentence or until he is otherwise released by operation of law.

☒ IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant pay a fine of \$3,000 and court costs

This order is (☒ effective immediately), (☐ stayed until _____)

DATE: 6-14-17

ENTER:

Sharon Prother
(PLEASE PRINT JUDGE'S NAME HERE)

Approved 4-18-08 by Conference of Chief Judges