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## PRESS RELEASE

### Summary of Notable Criminal Judgment Entries April through June 2024

Keokuk County, Iowa

**Derek Garman**, 48, of Sigourney, Iowa, was sentenced to twenty years in prison after pleading guilty (*Alford* plea) to two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, Class C felonies. Garman was further ordered to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison, placed on a special sentence of parole for the rest of his life, and ordered to have no contact with his victims. Garman's charges were filed by the Keokuk County Sheriff's Department after two separate family members of Garman reported the ongoing abuse to the Keokuk County Sheriff's Office. Garman was arrested on these charges in April 2023 and held in the custody of the Keokuk County Sheriff's Department until he was transferred to the Iowa Medical and Classification Center – Oakdale after his sentencing. This case was prosecuted with assistance from the Iowa Attorney General – Statewide Prosecutions Division.

**Travis Schuchert**, 21, of Iowa City, Iowa, was sentenced to ten years in prison with all time suspended contingent upon his successful completion of probation to the Iowa Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, a Class C felony, and Stalking, a Class D felony. Schuchert was further ordered to register as a sex offender, placed on a special sentence of parole for the rest of his life, and ordered to have no contact with his victim. Schuchert's charges were filed by the Keota Police Department after the victim made a report and an investigation was completed. This case was prosecuted with assistance from the Iowa Attorney General – Statewide Prosecutions Division.

In total, twenty-four convictions were entered (excluding scheduled traffic violations) including one Reckless Use of a Firearm offense, one Possession of a Controlled Substance – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, one Operating Without Owner's Consent offense, one Theft Third Degree offense, three Operating While Intoxicated First Offenses, two Simple Assault offenses, one Violation of No Contact Order offense, one Possession of Drug Paraphernalia offense, two Disorderly Conduct – Loud Raucous Noise offense, one Disorderly Conduct – Fighting, one Theft Fifth Degree offense, four Driving Under Suspension offenses, one Failure to Yield Half of Roadway offense, and four Contempt/Revocation of probation findings.