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**MIDDLEBORO MAN SENTENCED TO 17-20 YEARS IN STATE PRISON FOR
INDECENT ASSAULT ON BOY**

PLYMOUTH – A Middleboro man has been sentenced to serve 17-20 years in State Prison after being convicted of Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child Under the Age of 14, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On October 19, 2017, a jury convicted Gerard L. Moquin (DOB: 03/18/78) of Middleboro, on one count of Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child Under the Age of 14. Moquin was then convicted of a subsequent offense stemming from the defendant's prior convictions for Indecent Assault and Battery on a Person Under 14 and Rape. Today, in Plymouth Superior Court, Judge Robert Gordon sentenced Moquin to serve 17-20 years in State Prison. The Commonwealth had recommended Moquin serve 20-25 years.

“Judge Gordon was accurate when he labeled Mr. Moquin as an ‘acute danger to children’ at sentencing today,” DA Cruz said. “I am hopeful that this lengthy State Prison sentence can help this young victim move forward and begin the healing process.”

In April, 2016, Middleboro Police were contacted regarding disclosure from a four-year-old male victim that Moquin had sexually assaulted him.

Middleboro Police contacted the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Child Advocacy Center and an investigation ensued. Moquin was indicted on the charges on August 12, 2016.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Kenny and was investigated by Middleboro Police.

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