

Keadle Sentenced in Dodge County Court

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) - A South Carolina man convicted of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl in Fremont in 2008 has been sentenced to 15 to 20 years in prison.

Thirty-year-old Joshua Keadle, of Swansea, S.C. was sentenced for first-degree sexual assault on Tuesday in Dodge County District Court. A jury last month rejected Keadle's impotence defense and found him guilty of assaulting the girl in a college residence hall.

Keadle sought a new trial, which the judge rejected on Tuesday.

Keadle was a student at what was then Midland Lutheran College. His accuser, now 18, didn't report the crime until 2011, after Keadle was questioned in the disappearance of a Peru State College student, Tyler Thomas, in December 2010. No charges have been filed against Keadle in that case.

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