

# Bond reduced in sex case

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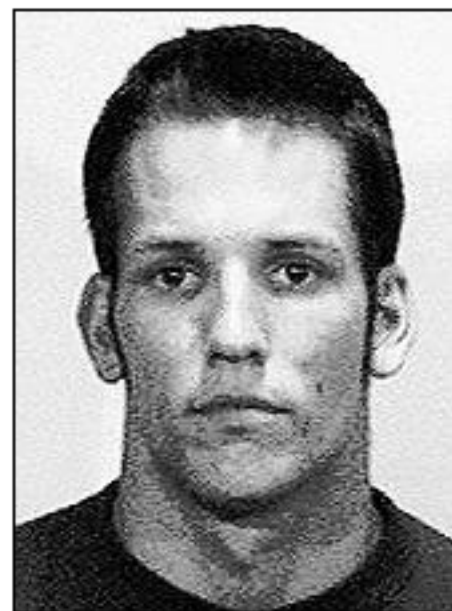
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## NEWS-SUN STAFF REPORT

Bond was cut in half Thursday for a Gurnee man accused of having sex with a teenage girl.

Billy Jack Tate's bond was reduced to \$125,000 by Associate Judge Christopher Stride during an arraignment hearing.

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**Tate**

Tate, 25, of the 4500 block of McClure Avenue, was arrested last month by Lake County sheriff's police after a woman told police that Tate had sex with her 15-year-old daughter.

Because of the age difference, the girl could not legally give consent.

Tate was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony.

Prosecutor Reggie Mathews told Stride he didn't object to the \$250,000 bond being lowered somewhat, but he objected to the defense's request for a \$10,000 bond. He pointed out that Tate previously failed to appear in court on drug charges.

Tate is due in court again on Sept. 9.