

Wadsworth man pleads not guilty to child porn charges

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Correction: Correction on some of the charges and up to life in prison if convicted of being sexually involved with both victims.

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Joseph Wojdyla faces the prospect of the remainder of his life in prison if convicted on sex and child pornography charges.

Wojdyla, 19, of the 39000 block of Wadsworth Road pleaded not guilty to 21 counts of predatory criminal sexual abuse, criminal sexual assault, aggravated child pornography, and child pornography during arraignment Thursday in Lake County Circuit Court.

Wojdyla was arrested last month by Lake County sheriff's deputies following allegations that he had child pornography on his mobile phone. Authorities found 10 images stored on the phone that showed young girls in various sexual positions, court documents said.

It was later learned that Wojdyla was having sex with 12- and 13-year-old girls and photographing them, court records said.

Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Mary Stanton said Wojdyla could face up to 60 years in the Illinois Department of Correction on some of the charges and up to life in prison if convicted of being sexually involved with both victims.

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