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PRESCOTT VALLEY WOMAN SENTENCED TO 52 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALY ASSAULTING A YOUNG CHILD

Yavapai County Attorney Dennis McGrane announced that on April 1st, 2026, the Honorable Judge Krista Carman of the Yavapai County Superior Court sentenced 45-year-old Kelly Rae Smith, of Prescott Valley, Arizona to 52 years in prison for four counts of sexual assault committed against a child.

Yavapai County Attorney Dennis McGrane said that Smith's guilty pleas and sentences were stipulated in a plea agreement that also required the sentences to be flat time, meaning Smith must serve every day of her prison sentence without any possibility of early release. Smith also pled guilty to three counts of attempted sexual exploitation of a child and bestiality. Smith received credit for approximately 10 months that she spent in jail following her May 2025 arrest and will be placed on lifetime sex offender probation if she is still alive in the year 2077 when she will become eligible to be released from prison.

Yavapai County Attorney Dennis McGrane commended the Prescott Valley Police Department for their thorough investigation and stated, "Crimes such as these are shocking and will never be tolerated in Yavapai County. People who choose to sexually abuse children or animals are incredibly dangerous and cannot be reformed. I hope this case motivates the Arizona Legislature to allow juries to impose the death penalty in cases where an adult sexually assaults a child. Doing so would allow appropriate punishment for anyone who chooses to rape a child and will deter others from committing these heinous crimes."

Smith's sentencing followed a Prescott Valley Police Department investigation that began in April 2024, when an acquaintance told the police that Smith had made comments on the internet about molesting children that she babysat, and had also seen a video of Smith engaged in sexual acts with a family member's service dog. The police investigation uncovered additional videos of Smith engaging in sexual acts with the service dog and Smith sexually assaulting a toddler whom she had been babysitting, as well as other child pornography videos and internet chats discussing fantasies involving sex crimes against children.

Photo attached: Kelly Rae Smith

