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Ypsilanti Woman Arraigned for Distributing Child Porn

Mount Clemens, MI -Yesterday, 24-year old Shanell Williams-Smith was arraigned in connection with sharing child sexually abusive activity.

It is alleged that on June 5, 2023, Williams-Smith of Ypsilanti sent a video of child sexually abusive activity to the victim's mother who resides in Harrison Twp. and threatened to share the video to the world.

Williams-Smith is charged with Aggravated Distributing Child Sexually Abusive Activity (15 year felony) and Using a Computer to Commit a Crime (10 year felony) by Assistant Prosecutor Patrick Sierawski, Chief of the Internet Crimes Unit.

Shanell Williams-Smith was arraigned in 41B Mount Clemens District Court in front of Magistrate Ryan Zemke. Magistrate Zemke set bond at \$20,000 personal bond and the defendant is to have no use of a computer or internet outside of work. The Probable Cause Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1:30 pm in front of District Court Judge Carrie Fuca.

"These alleged actions are not only morally reprehensible but also criminal in nature. We will pursue justice relentlessly, sending a clear message that such behavior will not be tolerated in our community. Our focus remains on ensuring the safety and well-being of our children, and we will spare no effort to achieve that goal," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan. All that are accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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