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FORMER IYC GUARD GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT FOR PROMPTING DETAINEES TO INTIMIDATE, ATTACK OTHER DETAINEES

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that a jury has found **Michael M. Klimek** guilty of the offenses of official misconduct, Class 3 felony, 6 counts, and aggravated battery in a public place, Class 3 felony.

Assistant State's Attorneys Margaret O'Brien and William Engerman presented evidence that, in January 2016, Klimek, then a guard at Illinois Youth Center-St. Charles, facilitated and encouraged certain IYC juvenile detainees to physically attack other juvenile detainees and stood idly by during the attacks. He was acting in his official capacity when he engaged in the acts, which took place at the IYC-St. Charles.

Judge David P. Kliment set Klimek's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 8, 2022, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center, for motions and sentencing. Klimek faces a sentence of between two and five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, or probation.

Klimek remains free on \$750 bond.

ASA O'Brien said:

"The defendant, Michael Klimek, manipulated his position as a juvenile justice specialist by exploiting juveniles who were serving their sentences at IYC-St. Charles. The defendant maintained order through fear, bullying and beatings by opening doors, allowing certain youths to enter another youth's cell with the sole intent of inflicting pain on that youth. His conduct was only brought to light by one brave youth, who had been beaten in the shower by two other youths. The youths were able to enter the shower because the defendant unlocked the door for them. The youth reported this incident to his therapist, who filed an incident report with IYC, launching an investigation into the behavior and criminal conduct of this defendant. My thanks to the staff at IYC, the investigators from the Illinois State Police, and the victimized youths who bravely testified against the defendant and held him accountable. A special thanks to my trial partner, Bill Engerman, for his guidance and support, as well as our investigators who ensured the victims were available for the trial."

Michael M. Klimek, Age 46 (d.o.b. 12-12-1975), of the 100 block of Tuma Road, Yorkville, Illinois. Case No. 2016CF2020.