

For the record Man gets 7 years on sex charge

A 19-year-old Lynchburg man was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for molesting a 12-year-old boy last year.

In July, a jury convicted Adolphus Lee Thomas Jr. on one count of forcible sodomy for having sex with the boy in July 2005.

The boy was sleeping at Thomas' house and woke up to find Thomas having sex with him, said Chuck Felmlee, Lynchburg deputy commonwealth's attorney.

The jury recommended the seven-year sentence, and on Friday a judge sentenced Thomas to another three years suspended, which he won't serve unless he violates conditions of his sentence.

The jury could have recommended a sentence ranging from five years to life in prison.

Thomas was also sentenced Friday to six months in jail for conspiring with another Lynchburg man to attempt to rob a Papa John's pizza delivery driver in April.

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