

Teen rapist going to prison

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A Tulsa teenager was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for raping an 11-year-old student at a Tulsa school.

Donnie D. Johnson, 18, pleaded guilty June 7 to a first-degree rape charge.

He had no agreement with Tulsa County prosecutors to govern his punishment.

District Judge William Kellough imposed a split 12-year sentence that requires Johnson to serve a five-year probation after he completes his prison obligation.

Johnson, then age 17, was charged in December 2008 with raping a sixth-grade student "by force and violence" at Dove Science Academy, 280 S. Memorial Drive.

Johnson, who was a high school student, and the girl both attended the Dove charter school.



GUILTY

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In May 2009, Special Judge Cliff Smith ruled that Johnson would face trial as an adult and not as a youthful offender. Johnson subsequently waived his right to a trial.

The girl told police that "an older boy named Donnie" followed her into the restroom, pulled his pants down, pulled her pants down, and raped her on the floor on Dec. 11, 2008, reports indicate.

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sensual sex.

In court Friday, Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp recommended a 20-year prison term in a "very significant case."

Defense lawyer Steve Vincent said Johnson had "no significant criminal history." Johnson, who had been free on bond, was jailed upon pleading guilty. By law, he is required to serve 85 percent of the seven-year prison term before he is eligible for parole or release

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