

A Scottsburg man charged with six counts of child molesting has been allowed to await his jury trial in November on pre-trial home incarceration.

The agreement on the release of Gary L. Amos, 33, came about at the request of the family of the 13-year-old victim, according to Scott Circuit Court records.

Amos voluntarily surrendered to his arrest by Indiana State Police Detective Brian Busick on Monday, June 25. Det. Busick began investigating the case on June 12 after he was contacted by a staff member of the Department of Child Services (DCS). He was told that Amos had molested the young teenager at Amos' Scottsburg home on East Larry Lane.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Amos allegedly admitted to the officer during an interview that he had "rewarded" the girl for taking off her clothes by giving her special treats or allowing her to use a computer with Internet access. Amos reportedly said he thought the child was attractive. He also told the officer that he did not tell anyone about the arrangement because he thought he would get into trouble.

Amos is now charged with six counts of Class C felony child molesting.

When he appeared for his initial court hearing before Judge Roger Duvall on June 25, Amos was accompanied by an attorney. He pleaded not guilty and learned that his trial date will be November 12.

The judge initially set bond at \$75,000 full cash, but, upon hearing that the victim's family requested a less stringent bond arrangement be made for Amos, the defendant was released on pre-trial home incarceration.

Under the terms of the arrangement, Amos wears a GPS ankle monitor 24 hours a day and cannot leave his home for any reason unless court-approved. He is paying \$50 per month for the monitoring plus other fees.

Additionally, Amos was ordered to give the Scott County Probation Department his schedule of counseling and therapy sessions and a list of all prescribed medications. He is subject to drug testing and shall continue to comply with a DCS safety plan, which he has voluntarily been following since June 11. Judge Duvall advised Amos during court proceedings that, should he for any reason fail to comply with any of the terms of the agreement, he will be arrested and returned to jail under the original \$75,000 cash bond.

A no contact protective order was issued against Amos on behalf of the victim and her family.

The child's mother was also advised that, should she not comply with the plan, her children could be removed from her care by the DCS.