

## Child molesting suspect's initial court hearing held in Circuit Court

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A Scottsburg area man has been arraigned on a child molesting charge in Scott Circuit Court.

Alberto Acuna, 32, was charged on December 11, 2013, with the Class C felony. He is accused of fondling a seven-year-old child when the child was spending the night where Acuna lived last August, according to the probable cause affidavit. Detective Rick Barrett of the Sheriff's Department prepared the probable cause.

Acuna appeared on Friday, February 14, before Judge Roger Duvall. A preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for him. Judge Duvall set the matter for trial on August 12. Though bail was originally set at \$50,000 corporate surety bond/full cash, authorities allowed it to be reduced to \$25,000 surety bond or 10% cash. Acuna was released on a cash bond that same day.