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DECATUR — Matthew L. Aukamp pleaded guilty Monday to two counts of criminal sexual assault to girls younger than 18.

Macon County Circuit Court Judge Lisa Holder White sentenced Aukamp, 45, to eight years in prison for each count. He must serve 85 percent of those sentences and serve them consecutively.

However, Aukamp will serve the sentences concurrently with a 25-year sentence he received in federal court earlier this year for producing and possessing child pornography. According to federal guidelines, Aukamp must serve at least 21¼ years of his sentence.

Aukamp, a former Decatur police officer who left the force in 2000, pleaded guilty in November to coercing minors to engage in sexual conduct for the purpose of producing images from Oct. 31, 2004, to March 14, 2008. He was sentenced in February in U.S. District Court in Urbana.

As part of the plea agreement reached Monday, White dismissed one count of unlawful restraint, three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and two counts of criminal sexual assault.

The charges stemmed from two state cases. In both cases, girls younger than 18 alleged that Aukamp restrained them and sexually assaulted them. One case concerned conduct that took place between March 2005 and March 2006, and the other related to an incident that took place in December 2009.

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