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Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announces that on June 27, 2024, **Matthew T. Plote (DOB: 07/10/1987)**, was sentenced to serve a natural life sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable John B. Roe, IV.

On March 25, 2024, an Ogle County jury found Plote guilty of First Degree Murder, Intentional Homicide of an Unborn Child, and Residential Arson. The case was prosecuted by State's Attorney Mike Rock and Assistant State's Attorneys Heather Kruse and Allison Huntley.

Plote was sentenced to serve a natural life sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of First Degree Murder. He was sentenced to serve 60 years in the Department of Corrections for the offense of Intentional Homicide of an Unborn Child. He was sentenced to serve 15 years in the Department of Corrections for the offense of Residential Arson. These sentences will run concurrently.

State's Attorney Rock stated: "I would like thank law enforcement and Assistant State's Attorneys Heather Kruse and Allison Huntley for their hard work and dedication to this case."