

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

S.P. is appealing from the juvenile court's commitment of her to the Indiana Department of Correction.

We reverse.

ISSUE

S.P. states the issue as:

Whether the court abused its discretion when it ordered S.P. to become a ward of the Department of Correction when she was eighteen years of age at disposition.

FACTS

S.P.'s birthday is January 4, 1988. S.P.'s denial hearing was held on January 10, 2006, where the facts alleging she had committed misdemeanor battery were found to be true. The dispositional hearing was held on February 27, 2006, when S.P. was more than eighteen years old. The juvenile court awarded wardship to the Department of Correction.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

Ind. Code §31-37-19-7(a) provides, with respect to a wardship to the Indiana Department of Correction, that a child may not be a ward if the child is at least eighteen years of age at the time of the dispositional decree. S.P. was more than eighteen years of age at the time of the dispositional decree, accordingly, we reverse.

CONCLUSION

Judgment reversed.

RILEY, J., and MAY, J., concur.