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### **30 Year Prison Sentence for Multiple Sex Offenses**

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that on November 19, 2024, moments before a jury trial was set to begin, Jaime Reyes of North Aurora, Illinois pleaded guilty to three counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 2 Felony) and one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child (Class X Felony) He was immediately sentenced in a negotiated plea agreement to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Jody Gleason.

According to Weis, the charges stemmed from incidents occurring from the late 1990s until 2017 and involved four separate victims. The Kendall County Sheriff's Office investigation into the case revealed that Reyes was the trusted uncle and occasional babysitter for the four victims. One of the victims came forward about sexual abuse which prompted law enforcement to begin an investigation. The investigation revealed that there were others who had been victimized by Reyes going back to the later 1990s. The abuse occurred at various addresses in Kendall County as well as one address in Kane County for almost two decades. The abuse started when the victims ranged from 5 years to 8 years old. Reyes would isolate the young victims and would take advantage of his position of trust until they reached the age of puberty. After a lengthy investigation, charges were approved against Reyes and he was arrested in early 2022 and has remained in custody since that time. The cases were scheduled for jury trial in November when Reyes attempted to harm himself while in custody. The case was continued to the next day and an agreed sentence was reached where Reyes will essentially serve the rest of his life in prison as a result of his crimes, based on his age and health conditions, without the victims having to testify in court.

"There is no doubt that the world is a safer place with Reyes being in custody. For years, he took advantage of the trust that his family members had in him to supervise and take care of their young children. He preyed on those who were sometimes too young to even understand what was happening. He is a true predator. My hope is that the victims have some comfort in knowing that Reyes will remain in custody forever. I also want to commend the bravery of the victims for coming forward so that this dangerous person can never do this again to anyone." Weis stated.

Weis prosecuted this case along with Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Cusack. Reyes was represented by the Kendall County Public Defender's Office.