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20-year Prison Sentence for Child Sex Offender

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Rafael Sanchez (09/17/71) of Yorkville, Illinois was sentenced to a total of 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after an agreed plea and sentence this month on the charge of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, a Class X felony. The plea and sentence were approved by Judge Jody Gleason.

A joint investigation by the Aurora Police Department and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office began back in 2022 when a victim disclosed to police that when she was a child, she had been sexually assaulted by her stepfather. The sexual assaults started in the late 1990's and continued into 2007. The sexual assaults occurred in both Aurora and in unincorporated Kendall County. The victim was under the age of 13 during most of the time the sexual assaults were committed.

Charges were filed in both Kendall and Kane Counties in 2023, and Sanchez was taken into custody. He remained in custody of Kendall County since he was arrested by law enforcement.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Sanchez entered a plea of guilty to one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and was sentenced to 10 years in prison in Kendall County. Sanchez entered the same plea agreement in Kane County. Both sentences will be served consecutive to each other for a total of 20 years in prison. The plea agreements will require Sanchez to serve 85% of his 20-year total sentence before being eligible for Mandatory Supervised Release.

Weis thanked the Aurora Police Department, the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, and the Kane County State's Attorney's Office for their collaborative efforts. Weis praised the courage of the victim in these cases to bring a long-time child predatory to justice.

The case was prosecuted by State's Attorney Eric Weis and Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Cusack. Sanchez was represented by the Public Defender's Office.