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TEXAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ABDUCTING OWN CHILD IN AURORA

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A Texas man will serve a prison term in Illinois for abducting his child from Aurora 12 years ago.

Alejandro Paz, AKA Christian Hernandez, 40 (d.o.b. 8-10-1971), of the 800 block of South 21st Street, McAllen, Texas, today agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to the maximum sentence of three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of child abduction, a Class 4 felony.

Associate Judge James C. Hallock accepted the plea.

At about 9 a.m. June 30, 2000, Paz went unannounced to a home in the 1200 block of Indian Avenue, Aurora, where his 18-month-old child was living with her mother. Paz and the child's mother were not married. The mother was at her job at the time, and Paz was greeted by an adult babysitter. Paz gave the babysitter a letter to give to the child's mother and asked her to put the letter in the bedroom. When the babysitter took the letter to the bedroom, Paz fled with the child. Police were called, criminal charges against Paz were authorized and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

On Dec. 4, 2011, 10½ years later, police were called to Paz's residence in McAllen, Texas, for a domestic disturbance, and they discovered the Illinois warrant for Paz's arrest. The child was living in the home with Paz. Paz was taken into custody and eventually extradited to Illinois. He since has been held in the Kane County jail without bond.

The child since has been in the custody of Texas authorities.

In Illinois, a parent cannot be charged with the more serious crime of kidnapping his or her own child.

Based on Illinois law, Paz is eligible for day-for-day credit. He was given credit for time served in the Kane County jail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Greg Sams.