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AURORA MAN GUILTY OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING GIRL FOR 8 YEARS

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An Aurora man faces a minimum 32-year prison sentence after he was convicted of sexually preying on and sexually assaulting a girl he knew for eight years.

Pedro Terrazas, 36 (d.o.b. 3-14-1976), of the 1100 block of Pleasant Place, Aurora, was convicted Aug. 9, 2012, by a Kane County jury, of two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, each a Class X felony, five counts of criminal sexual assault, each a Class 1 felony, and five counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, each a Class 2 felony.

The jury deliberated for less than two hours before it reached its verdict.

Beginning in 2002 and continuing until August 2010, Terrazas had sexual contact with a young girl he knew. The assaults took place nearly every week day when Terrazas was alone with the child while the victim's mother was at work, but not on weekends because the mother was home. Terrazas was the victim's caretaker during the abuse. The assaults ended when the victim disclosed them to a family member, who then contacted authorities.

Associate Judge James C. Hallock set Terrazas' next court appearance for 9 a.m. Oct 12, 2012, in Courtroom 313 for post-trial motions and to set a sentencing date. Terrazas faces a minimum sentence of 32 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Terrazas had been held in the Kane County jail in lieu of \$500,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Debra Bree and Bill Engerman, and investigated by the Kane County Child Advocacy Center and the Aurora Police Department.

"This victim showed tremendous courage in telling her story to police and to the jury. We hope that other victims of such despicable and deplorable acts will find comfort in the knowledge that if they come forward and tell their story, someone will listen," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.