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CHICAGO MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR PREYING ON, SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TWO CHILDREN

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A Chicago man today learned the inevitable, that he would spend the rest of his life in prison for sexually assaulting two young children he knew.

Tynell D. Dixon, 32 (d.o.b. 7-24-1980), of the 1200 block of South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon to life in prison.

Dixon was convicted May 17, 2012, by a Kane County jury of eight counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, each a Class X felony, and three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, each a Class 2 felony.

According to Illinois law, a person convicted of predatory criminal sexual assault with two or more victims shall be sentenced to life in prison.

Between Dec. 1, 2004, and June 30, 2007, Dixon preyed upon and had sexual contact with two children he knew under age 13. Each child was assaulted and abused multiple times at their Carpentersville residence. The children disclosed the molestations in June 2007 to their father. Both children, who testified during the trial, now are 11 years old.

"To repeatedly sexually assault two children for more than two years is horrendous and unconscionable, and a life prison sentence in this case is appropriate. I am pleased that the Illinois Legislature provided for this type of sentence," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

"These victims must be commended for their courage in stepping forward to report this crime, and in believing in the justice system. Our office remains committed to defending our community's most vulnerable citizens. We are here to listen and to act on their behalf.

"Thanks to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, the Carpentersville Police Department, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Debra Bree."