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### **FORMER AURORA MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR SEX ASSAULT OF CHILD**

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A former Aurora man has been sent to prison after he pleaded guilty to repeatedly having sexual contact with a minor girl.

Pablo Macias, 38 (d.o.b. 5-14-1974), last known address of the 800 block of West Forest Street, West Chicago, and previously of the 300 block of North Avenue, Aurora, today agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, a Class X felony.

Associate Judge Marmarie J. Kostelny accepted the plea.

Between 2004 and 2007, Macias had sexual contact with a girl he knew who was younger than 13. The victim was five years old when the sexual assaults began. The assaults took place at Macias' former Aurora residence.

When he is released from prison, Macias must register for life as a sex offender in accordance with the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act.

According to Illinois law, Macias must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Macias was given credit for at least 554 days served in custody.

"We are obligated for so many reasons to protect our children from harm. Acts such as these are violent, and they not only rob children of their innocence but they lead to permanent emotional scarring that inhibits children from becoming productive adults. The wounds left are deep and long lasting," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

"This victim deserves great credit for having the courage to tell her story and for believing that we would listen. Her willingness to speak out emboldens other victims and helps spread the message that such acts are intolerable and that the ramifications to the predators are harsh.

"Thanks to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center for its hard work in this investigation, the Aurora Police Department and the West Chicago Police Department for their assistance in this investigation, and to Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lori Schmidt, who prosecuted this case."