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AURORA MAN TO GO TO PRISON FOR MOLESTING TWO MINORS

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An Aurora man has pleaded guilty to having sexual contact with two minors he knew.

James R. Woodard, 20 (d.o.b. 9-8-1991), of the 900 block of North Calumet Avenue, Aurora, today agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony, and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony.

Associate Judge T. Clint Hull accepted the plea.

From April to June 2010, Woodard had sexual contact with the one victim. In November 2010, Woodard had sexual contact with the other victim. The victims were 12 years old and 13 years old at the time of the contact.

The sentence breaks down as 15 years for the predatory criminal sexual assault conviction and five years for the aggravated criminal sexual abuse conviction. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

In addition, Woodard must register for life as a sex offender in accordance with the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act.

According to Illinois law, Woodard must serve at least 85 percent of the 15-year sentence and he is eligible for day-for-day sentencing on the five-year sentence. Woodard was given credit for at least 435 days served in the Kane County jail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Nydia Molina.