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SOUTH ELGIN MAN GUILTY OF SEXUALLY PREYING ON YOUNG GIRL SENTENCING SET FOR AUGUST; MINIMUM PRISON TERM IS 36 YEARS

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A South Elgin man, who last year was sentenced to prison for possessing multiple images of child pornography, now faces an additional prison sentence after he was convicted of sexually preying on and molesting a young girl he knew.

William S. Muth, 46 (d.o.b. 3-3-1966), of the 1400 block of Blackhawk Circle, South Elgin, was convicted Wednesday night, June 20, 2012, by a Kane County jury, of six counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, each a Class X felony, and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, each a Class two felony.

The jury returned its verdict after about three hours of deliberation.

Between Jan. 1, 2007, and Feb. 7, 2008, Muth had sexual contact multiple times with a young girl he knew. The victim was younger than 13 at the time.

Circuit Judge David R. Akemann set Muth's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. August 15, 2012, in Courtroom 305. Muth faces a sentence of between 36 and 120 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on the predatory criminal sexual assault counts, and a sentence of probation or a minimum of three years on the aggravated criminal sexual assault counts. The terms would be served consecutively.

Muth was in the custody of IDOC during this week's trial. On April 15, 2011, Muth was sentenced in Kane County court to three years in prison for his October 2010 conviction of 22 counts of possession of child pornography, each a Class 3 felony.

"The victim in this case showed great courage in coming forward and testifying publicly, in front of a jury," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "I can only imagine that doing so was extremely difficult, and she deserves immense praise and credit. We are and we always will be buoyed and humbled by the strength shown by the victims of these appalling and selfish crimes, and we always will stand with these victims.

"My thanks to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Christine Bayer and Bill Engerman, who prosecuted this case, and to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center and the South Elgin Police Department, for the thorough investigation of this case."