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WARRENVILLE MAN GUILTY OF SEXUALLY PREYING ON 5-YEAR-OLD

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A Warrenville man faces a prison sentence of at least 12 years after he was convicted in Kane County court of sexually preying on a child he knew.

Adrian Ramirez-Alcantar, 30 (d.o.b. 12-17-1981), of Warrenville, was convicted Monday, April 30, 2012, by Circuit Judge David R. Akemann of two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, each a Class X felony, and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony. Judge Akemann heard the case last week and issued his verdict Monday afternoon.

During the summer of 2000, Ramirez-Alcantar had sexual contact with the victim, whom he knew, multiple times at a residence in the 400 block of Locust Street in North Aurora, when the defendant was staying with the victim's family. The defendant is a distant cousin to the victim, who was five years old at the time. Sometime later, the defendant moved out of the house. The victim disclosed the incident more than 10 years later when she saw Ramirez-Alcantar for the first time in many years in West Chicago.

Judge Akemann set Ramirez-Alcantar's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. June 27, 2012, in Courtroom 305. Ramirez-Alcantar faces a sentence of between 12 and 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Ramirez-Alcantar remains in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest in lieu of \$3 million bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Debra Bree and Thomas St. Jules.

"It remains a priority of this office to defend the most vulnerable in our community, even if details of the crime aren't revealed for more than a decade," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "This victim should be lauded for the courage she showed in coming forward. Our sincere thanks to the West Chicago Police Department for its assistance in this investigation, as well as the North Aurora Police Department for its investigative work."