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ELGIN MAN GETS 19-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR SEXUALLY PREYING ON CHILD

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An Elgin man has been sentenced to nearly two decades in prison for having sexual contact with a child he knew.

Jose L. Alvarez, 38 (d.o.b. 4-3-1974), of the 300 block of North Street, Elgin, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge M. Karen Simpson to 19 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Alvarez was convicted Oct. 26, 2011, by a Kane County jury of one count of predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony, two counts of criminal sexual assault, each a Class 1 felony, and three counts of criminal sexual abuse, each a Class 2 felony.

Between 2007 and 2009, Alvarez had sexual contact with a girl he knew. The victim now is 16 years old.

The sentence breaks down as eight years for the Class X conviction, four years each on the Class 1 convictions and three years each on the Class 2 convictions.

The Class 2 sentences are to be served concurrent to one another but consecutive to the other sentences, which are to be served consecutive to one another.

According to Illinois law, Alvarez must serve at least 85 percent of the Class X and Class 1 sentences and is eligible for day-for-day credit on the Class 2 sentences.

Alvarez was given credit for 203 days served in the Kane County jail.

Alvarez had been free before the trial on \$10,000 bond. Bond was revoked upon conviction and Alvarez was taken into custody.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Nydia Molina and Lori Schmidt, and investigated by the Elgin Police Department and the Kane County Child Advocacy Center.

"The victims and witnesses in this case showed tremendous strength and courage by coming forward to tell their story to police and to the jury," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "This is a just sentence that holds this defendant accountable for his selfish actions."