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CHICAGO MAN FACES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MOLESTING TWO CHILDREN

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A Chicago man awaits a life prison sentence for sexually assaulting two young children he knew.

Tynell D. Dixon, 31 (d.o.b. 7-24-1980), of the 1200 block of South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, was convicted late Thursday, May 17, 2012, by a Kane County jury of eight counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, each a Class X felony, and three counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, each a Class 2 felony.

Between Dec. 1, 2004, and June 30, 2007, Dixon preyed upon and had sexual contact with two children he knew under age 13. Each child was assaulted and abused multiple times at their Carpentersville residence. The children disclosed the molestations in June 2007 to their father. Both children, who testified during the trial, now are 11 years old.

According to Illinois law, a person convicted of predatory criminal sexual assault with two or more victims shall be sentenced to life in prison.

Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon set Dixon's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. July 5, 2012, for post-trial motions and sentencing.

Dixon had been free on \$7,500 bond. Bond was revoked upon conviction and Dixon was taken into custody.

"We appreciate the jury's conscientious examination of the facts and its rejection of the defendant's claim that these incidents were a figment of the children's imaginations," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "This is an important verdict for all victims of child sex abuse. Our office remains steadfastly committed to defending our community's most vulnerable citizens.

"Thanks to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center for its hard work in investigating this case, to Carpentersville Police Commander Tim Bosshart and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Investigator Kathy Byrne for their thorough work, and to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Debra Bree for their excellent work in prosecuting this case."