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AURORA MAN WITH LENGTHY CRIMINAL HISTORY SENT TO PRISON FOR 2010 BURGLARY OF AURORA RESTAURANT

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An Aurora man has been sent to prison for a 2010 burglary at an Aurora restaurant.

José Velazquez, 42 (d.o.b. 2-16-1970), of the 0-99 block of La Salle Street, Aurora, on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In addition to the prison term, Velazquez must pay \$1,398.77 in restitution.

On Feb. 16, 2012, Velazquez pleaded guilty to one count of burglary, a Class 2 felony.

At about 4:30 a.m. Aug. 25, 2010, an Aurora officer patrolling on the city's far southeast side saw suspicious activity at a business in the 700 block of Hill Avenue. As the officer investigated, he saw that the glass to the front door was broken, and then saw Velazquez inside the business holding the cash register. Velazquez was immediately arrested and taken into custody.

Velazquez was eligible for enhanced sentencing because of his criminal history, which includes convictions for a 1994 child abduction charge, a 1997 burglary charge, a 1998 armed robbery charge, and a 2007 burglary charge.

According to Illinois law, Velazquez is eligible for day-for-day credit. He was given credit for at least 167 days served in the Kane County jail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Debra Bree and Nydia Molina.