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EVANSTON MAN GETS 13-YEAR SENTENCE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT, ABUSE OF CHILD

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An Evanston man is headed to prison for sexually assaulting a young child he knew.

Baraka A. Olla, 41 (d.o.b. 10-20-1974), of the 1300 block of Washington Street, Evanston, Ill., was sentenced today by Circuit Judge James C. Hallock to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Olla was convicted Sept. 2, 2015, of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, a Class X felony, and four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, each a Class 2 felony.

Prosecutors presented evidence that between summer 2011 and early 2014 Olla sexually assaulted and sexually abused the victim, who was younger than 13 years old. Olla knew the victim. The contact took place at a residence in Elgin.

The sentence is 10 years for the assault count, and three years each for the abuse counts. The sentences for the abuse counts are to be served concurrent to one another but consecutive to the sentence for the assault count for a total of 13 years.

According to Illinois law, Olla must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence for the assault count, and he is eligible for day-for-day credit on the sentences for the abuse counts.

In addition to the prison sentence, Olla must register for life in accordance with Illinois' Sex Offender Registration Act.

Olla receives credit for at least 630 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Reagan Pittman and Debra Bree, who are assigned to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center.