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PALATINE MAN GETS 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PREYING ON, SEXUALLY ASSAULTING CHILD

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A Palatine man is headed to prison for preying on and sexually assaulting a child he knew.

Robert A. Shachter, 48 (d.o.b. 10-17-1964), most recently of the 1900 block of Jamestown Drive, Palatine, and formerly of Glendale Heights and Elgin, on Thursday, March 26, 2015, agreed to a sentence of 25 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony.

Associate Judge Clint Hull accepted the plea.

Prosecutors presented evidence that between June 2007 and August 2009, Shachter repeatedly sexually assaulted a young child he knew. The victim, who was known to Shachter, was younger than 12 years old. After the assaults stopped the victim disclosed what had happened to her mother, who contacted police. The assaults took place at his former residence in Elgin.

In addition to the prison term, Shachter must register for life as a sexual offender in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

According to Illinois law, Shachter must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for at least 297 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

"I want to commend this victim's mother for taking immediate steps to contact the police when she learned of the abuse. Sadly, in too many cases victims disclose their abuse to someone they trust, only to have the confidant – even a parent – become dismissive and betray them, declining to make a report to DCFS or the police. That failure to report, even by someone who is not required by law to do so, victimizes the child again. Whenever a child says he or she has been abused, we owe it to them to report the abuse," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Reagan Pittman.