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OSWEGO MAN GETS 7 YEARS FOR PAYING FOR SEX WITH CHILD

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An Oswego man has been sentenced to imprisonment for traveling to Aurora and paying for a sexual encounter with a child.

Eric F. Ziemba, 42 (d.o.b. 12-19-1973), of the 700 block of Wilmore Drive, Oswego, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Ziemba was convicted Oct. 18, 2016, by Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., of involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, a Class X felony, traveling to meet a minor, a Class 3 felony, and grooming, a Class 4 felony. Ziemba waived his right to a jury trial.

Kane County prosecutors presented evidence during the trial that on Dec. 2, 2014, Ziemba traveled from Oswego to an Aurora hotel with the intent to pay to have a sexual encounter with what he believed would be 15-year-old girls. When Ziemba arrived at the hotel, he met a person he thought was the girls' mother, paid the person \$150, and was arrested by officers from Homeland Security Investigations and the Aurora Police Department. During the investigation, Ziemba told police that he had expected sexual favors in return for the \$150.

In addition to imprisonment, Ziemba must register for 10 years as a sexual offender in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

According to Illinois law, Ziemba is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He receives credit for 62 days served in the Kane County jail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Christine Bayer and Kane County First Assistant State's Attorney Jody Gleason.

"Illinois' laws prohibiting sexual servitude and child sex trafficking and exploitation reflect a very real threat to children by adults. The General Assembly has chosen to address both the supply side and the demand side of human trafficking and exploitation. I hope this sentence and other recent sentences like it show that law enforcement at the state and federal levels is working to suppress the demand," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.