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## SLEEPY HOLLOW MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUALLY ASSAULTING YOUNG CHILD, GETS 14½ YEARS IN PRISON

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A Sleepy Hollow man will go to prison for sexually assaulting a young child he knew.

29-year-old **Jose Luis Cruz Francisco** today agreed to a sentence of  $14\frac{1}{2}$  years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault, Class X felony.

Kane County Associate Judge David R. Kliment accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney David Belshan stated in court that April 24, 2017, Cruz Francisco sexually assaulted the victim, who was younger than 13 years old. Cruz Francisco knew the victim. The victim's mother witnessed the assault and immediately called police.

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

In accordance with Illinois law, Cruz Francisco must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Cruz Francisco receives credit for 843 days served in the Kane County jail.

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center investigated the case.

## **Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:**

"Adults who prey on children, as Mr. Cruz Francisco did, belong in prison. My thanks to this victim's mother, who didn't hesitate to call the police when she saw him committing a criminal act with her child. Thanks to ASA Belshan and to the staff at the Kane County Child Advocacy Center for their work on behalf of this victim."

**Jose Luis Cruz Francisco**: Age 29 (d.o.b. 4-30-1990), of the 900 block of Locust Drive, Sleepy Hollow, Illinois. Case No. 17CF808.