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## **CHILD PREDATOR NOEL BUHAY GETS 181-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CHILD VICTIM**

**CURRENTLY SERVING 45-YEAR SENTENCE FOR FIRST CONVICTION**

January 25, 2019

A Sugar Grove man who has been found guilty twice of predatory child sex offenses has been handed one of the longest sentences in Kane County in recent memory.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., today sentenced 51-year-old **Noel F. Buhay** to a sentence of 181 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Judge Tegeler on Nov. 6, 2018 found Buhay, guilty of the offenses of:

- Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, eight counts
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, one count

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Andrew Leuchtmann presented evidence during the trial that between December 2005 and December 2008 Buhay sexually assaulted the victim, whom Buhay knew. The abuse started when the victim was younger than 13 years old.

Buhay had faced a minimum sentence of 51 years' imprisonment.

The sentence is to be served consecutive to a 45-year sentence Buhay is serving for a March 17, 2017, conviction of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, three counts. In that case, Buhay between January 2004 and May 2004 sexually assaulted a foster child who was living with his family.

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

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center investigated the case.

"This offender is a child predator who cannot be trusted with children. I am proud of both of these victims for coming forward and telling their stories to prevent Mr. Buhay from harming any more children, and for trusting the criminal justice system to work for them and for all victims of child predators. My thanks to ASAs Schmidt and

Leuchtmann for their excellent work,” Kane County State’s Attorney Joe McMahon said.

**Noel F. Buhay:** 51 (d.o.b. 6-20-1967), of the 1100 block of Dorr Drive, Sugar Grove, Illinois. Case No. 13CF193.