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### **AURORA MAN WHO FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR HIS TRIAL GETS 18 YEARS FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING CHILD**

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46-year-old **José L. Godinez**, who did not appear in court for his trial, was sentenced today to 18 years in prison despite his absence from the hearing.

A Kane County jury in May found Godinez guilty in absentia of the offenses of:

- Criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony, 2 counts
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, 4 counts

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Matthew Rodgers and Tyler Cox presented evidence that between January 2015 and July 2018, Godinez sexually assaulted the victim, whom he knew. The victim was younger than 18 years old.

Godinez was charged in July 2018. In May 2020 he posted \$30,000 bond and was released from the Kane County jail. He has not appeared at a court hearing since January and did not appear in court for his trial.

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

Godinez's whereabouts are unknown and there is an active warrant for his arrest. Anyone with information about him should call 911 or the Kane County Child Advocacy Center at (630) 201-5160.

**ASA Rodgers said:**

"Mr. Godinez sexually assaulted a child on numerous occasions, and then he refused to be held to account for his criminal actions. That's a far cry from this victim, who showed tremendous strength and courage in coming forward to tell her story. Thanks to the staff at the Kane County Child Advocacy Center for their work in providing justice to this victim."

**José L. Godinez:** Age 46 (d.o.b. 5-5-1975), of the 1500 block of Solfisburg Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 18CF1444.