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MARK HAMPTON OF OSWEGO GETS 20 YEARS FOR CHILD SEX ASSAULTS

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Kane County Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., has sentenced **Mark A. Hampton** to 20 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on Oct. 6, 2021, found Hampton guilty of the offense of predatory criminal sexual abuse of a child, Class X felony, 4 counts.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Stacey Wittman presented evidence that between November 2015 and August 2017 Hampton sexually assaulted the child, whom he knew. The child was younger than 13 years old.

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

According to Illinois law, Hampton must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Hampton receives credit for 84 days served in the Kane County jail.

ASA Schmidt said:

"Harsh sentences in child sex assault cases are necessary to serve as a deterrent because of the long-term emotional scars survivors suffer, most likely for the rest of their lives. Children are exceptionally vulnerable to sexual abuse, and its impact on them most likely will be profound. The most significant injury survivors will suffer is to their mental health. Even years of counseling might not undo the damage caused by child predators. Still, I hope this child can begin to heal and find a place of safety as she grows up."

Mark A. Hampton: Age 48 (d.o.b. 9-11-1973), of the 600 block of Mansfield Way, Oswego, Illinois. Case No. 17CF1962.