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FORMER BIG ROCK LAY PASTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUAL ASSAULT, GETS ADDITIONAL 6 YEARS IN PRISON

**MARK RIVERA PREVIOUSLY SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS
FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING CHILD**

April 14, 2023

*RE: **Mark A. Rivera**: Age 50 (d.o.b. 1-10-1973), of the 0S block of East Street, Winfield, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF2241.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that **Mark A. Rivera** has agreed to a sentence of six years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony.

Judge John A. Barsanti accepted the plea.

Assistant State's Attorney Matthew Rodgers stated the following facts in court:

The night of February 16, 2018, the victim and others were at Rivera's home on Granart Road in unincorporated Big Rock Township. The victim and Rivera had known one another for several years. The victim became intoxicated and Rivera eventually walked her home. He returned to his home and discovered that the victim had left her mobile phone at his home. Rivera went back with her phone and sexually assaulted the victim. The defendant took advantage of the victim who was unable to consent to the act at the time because she was intoxicated.

According to Illinois law, Rivera must serve 85 percent of the sentence.

The sentence is to be served consecutive to a 15-year sentence Rivera was given following a recent bench trial conviction for predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, and aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, case No. 2019CF1056.

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

ASA Rodgers said: “Mr. Rivera is a sexual predator who seeks out the vulnerable. He belongs in prison. I wish to express my gratitude to his victims for speaking up and preventing him from preying on anyone else. Thanks to the Kane County Sheriff’s Office staff for their work in this investigation.”

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