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RECENT PAROLEE GETS 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

**JOSEPH BAKER RAPED YOUNG ACQUAINTANCE
TWO DAYS AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON**

June 15, 2023

*RE: **Joseph E. Baker, Jr.**: Age 40 (d.o.b. 12-6-1982), of the 4200 block of West Carroll Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Case No. 2021CF1960.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that **Joseph E. Baker, Jr.** has agreed to a sentence of 20 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony.

Judge David P. Kliment accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Jessica Michels stated the following in court:

On August 20, 2021, the victim gave Baker a ride from a residence in Chicago to his mother's home on Springbrook Drive in Aurora. The victim had known Baker since she was a young child. On the trip to Aurora, Baker asked the victim if she was interested in engaging in sexual activity with him. The victim declined. When they arrived at Baker's mother's home, Baker entered a room where the victim had been, grabbed her hand, closed the door and refused to allow her to leave. He then sexually assaulted her. The victim told Baker to stop but he refused.

Baker had been released from the Illinois Department of Corrections two days prior to committing the offense. He was convicted in 2012 of the offense of criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony, for having sexual contact with a minor and sentenced to a term of 4½ years in IDOC, case No. 2021CF1684. After his original release from prison he repeatedly violated terms of mandatory supervised release (parole) and was returned to prison.

Additionally, that conviction required him to register for life as a sexual offender in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

Illinois law requires Baker to serve at least 85 percent of the 20-year sentence. He receives credit for time served in the Kane County jail.

ASA Michels said: “Mr. Baker is a dangerous man who should be behind bars given his history of sexual violence. I am proud of this victim for her courage in reporting this sexual assault, which has prevented him from committing acts of violence against anyone else. Special thanks to Aurora Police Det. Jen Hillgoth for her thorough investigation, and to victim advocate Nancy Sebastian and legal projects manager Kate London for their assistance in the prosecution.”

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