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**FORMER BIG ROCK LAY PASTOR GETS 15 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT**

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*RE: **Mark Rivera**: Age 50 (d.o.b. 1-10-1973), of the 0S block of East Street, Winfield, Illinois.
Case No. 2019CF1056.*

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge John A. Barsanti has sentenced **Mark Rivera** to 15 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In December 2022 a jury found Rivera guilty of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child – Class X felony (two counts) and aggravated criminal sexual abuse – Class 2 felony (three counts).

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Matthew Rodgers and Morgan Wilkinson presented the following evidence in court:

On multiple occasions between June 2018 and May 2019, Rivera sexually assaulted the victim, whom he knew. The victim was younger than 13 years old. At the time, Rivera was a lay pastor at the Anglican Church of North America in Big Rock, Illinois.

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

The sentence is 12 years for the predatory criminal sexual assault of a child offenses, and three years for the aggravated criminal sexual abuse, to be served consecutively.

According to Illinois law, Rivera must serve 85 percent of the 12-year sentence and is eligible for day-for-day credit on the three-year sentence. He receives credit for 1,134 days served in the Kane County jail and on electronic home monitoring.

ASA Rodgers said: "My thanks to this victim, who had the courage to speak up and tell her mother about Mr. Rivera's abusive conduct and to face him in court. I'm grateful for her family's patience and endurance during this long and difficult court process. My thanks to ASA Wilkinson, to Child Advocacy Center investigator Beth Mullarkey and to CAC advocate Julie Pohlman for their work in bringing justice to this victim and her family."