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### **CARPENTERSVILLE MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR REPEATEDLY SEXUALLY ASSAULTING CHILD HE KNEW**

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A Carpentersville man is headed to prison for sexually assaulting a young child he knew.

Sergio Tinajero, 54 (d.o.b. 4-1-1960), of the 0-99 block of Robin Road, Carpentersville, was sentenced today by Circuit Judge Susan Clancy Boles to 31 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Tinajero was convicted Dec. 3, 2014, by a Kane County jury of four counts of predatory sexual assault of a child, each a Class X felony, and aggravated sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony.

Prosecutors presented evidence that multiple times between September 2009 and September 2012, Tinajero had sexual contact and sexually assaulted a young child he knew. The victim was younger than 13 years old. The contact took place at Tinajero's residence.

A school official heard the victim talking to a friend about the assaults and called the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, as required of a mandated reporter.

According to Illinois law, Tinajero must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for at least 63 days served in the Kane County jail.

In addition to the prison sentence, Tinajero must register for life as a sex offender in accordance with the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act.

"Mr. Tinajero was given what he deserves. I hope his sentence is seen by all victims of child sexual assault as vindication for being courageous enough to come forward and seek justice," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "Thanks to all mandated reporters who promptly report such crimes to DCFS as required by law."

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Reagan Pittman of the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, and investigated by the CAC.