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### **FREEPORT RESIDENT, FORMERLY OF ELGIN, GETS 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT**

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Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on July 23, 2020, sentenced 50-year-old **James J. "Jamie" Boots** to 11 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Judge Tegeler on Jan. 28, 2020, found Boots guilty of the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony. Boots waived the right to a jury trial.

Kane County prosecutors presented evidence that between April 2009 and October 2010 Boots sexually assaulted the victim. Boots knew the victim, who was younger than 13 years old at the time. The sexual assaults took place when Boots lived in Elgin. Boots later moved to Freeport.

Boots faced a minimum sentence of 6 years in prison.

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

According to Illinois law, Boots must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Boots receives credit for 841 days served in the Kane County jail.

#### **Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said:**

"Jamie Boots caused great harm to this victim, and yet when given the opportunity to accept responsibility, she engaged in victim blaming and minimized her behavior. I am pleased that justice has been served in this case and hope this prison sentence is a big step toward healing for this victim. My thanks to Assistant State's Attorneys Vincent Coyle and Lori Schmidt for their work in this prosecution, and to the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, which investigated the case."

**James J. Boots:** Age 50 (d.o.b. 8-24-1969), of the 500 block of West American Street, Freeport, Illinois, and previously of Elgin. Case No. 18CF659.