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KANE COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RAPING CHILD, GETS 15 YEARS

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An Aurora man who also has a Geneva address has been sent to prison for sexually preying on a young child he knew and for photographing the acts.

Regulo Castro, 36 (d.o.b. 3-30-1978), of the 600 block of May Street, Aurora, and also of the 100 block of North Street, Geneva, today agreed to a sentence of 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony, criminal sexual assault, a Class 1 felony, and child pornography, a Class 3 felony.

Circuit Judge James C. Hallock accepted the plea.

Between September 2009 and February 2014, Castro engaged in acts of sexual penetration with the victim, whom he knew. Castro also used his smart phone to photograph the acts, which took place at his Aurora residence. The victim was younger than 13 at the time of the acts. Authorities were alerted when Castro's wife, who lives at the Geneva residence, saw the images from Castro's phone.

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

According to Illinois law, Castro must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence.

Castro receives credit for at least 463 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his arrest in lieu of \$2 million bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

"We prosecute many cases that are difficult to grasp. This is one of them. It is very hard to understand how someone could do this to a child he is expected to care for. What's worse is that despite his guilty plea, Mr. Castro remains unremorseful about his actions," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

"I hope Mr. Castro's young victim, whom he was entrusted to care for but instead chose to prey upon to satisfy his own perversions, can understand that she is not to blame for being victimized, and somehow begin to heal,"

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmitt and Nick Gaeke.