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BATAVIA MAN GUILTY OF CHILD SEX ASSAULT FACES MINIMUM SENTENCE OF 18 YEARS IN PRISON

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The Kane County State's Attorney's Office has successfully prosecuted a Batavia man for sexually assaulting a young child he knew.

Associate Judge Linda S. Abrahamson on Aug. 9, 2017, convicted 37-year-old Joel Becerril of three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felonies; and two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felonies.

Becerril waived his right to a jury trial. Judge Abrahamson heard the bench trial periodically, concluding June 26.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Megan Baxter and Matthew Rodgers presented evidence that between 2006 and 2010 Becerril sexually assaulted a young child he knew. The victim was younger than 13 years old.

Judge Abrahamson set Becerril's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 4, 2017, for motions and sentencing. Becerril faces a sentence of between 18 and 97 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In addition, Becerril must register for life in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

Becerril had been free on \$15,000 bond. Bond was revoked upon conviction and he was taken into custody at the Kane County jail.

"This defendant's family pressured on the victim to try to silence her. But when a child discloses sexual abuse we will always listen, and we will always pursue justice and accountability," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Kane County Child Advocacy Center.

Joel Becerril: Age 37 (d.o.b. 6-30-1980), of the 1200 block of East Wilson Street, Batavia