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ELBURN MAN CHARGED FOR SOLICITING MINOR FOR SEX FREE ON SIGNATURE BOND AND PROMISE TO APPEAR IN COURT

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A Kane County judge has released from custody a man charged with soliciting sex from a minor child on his promise to appear in court instead of a cash bond.

The Kane County State's Attorney, after an investigation by the Kane County Sheriff's Office, charged 49-year-old **Richard L. Herra** with indecent solicitation of a child, Class 3 felony, attempted aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 3 felony, indecent solicitation of a child through the Internet, Class 4 felony.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon alleges that the week of Sept. 17, 2017, Herra:

- Knowingly solicited the victim, who was younger than 17, to engage in a sex act which, had it been performed would have been aggravated criminal sexual assault
- Attempted to commit a sex act with the victim, who is younger than 17
- Knowingly discussed, by means of the Internet, a sex act that if committed would be aggravated criminal sexual abuse

Herra was taken into custody Sept. 25 by Kane County Sheriff's detectives.

Herra appeared today in Kane County bond court. The bond court judge, over the objection of the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, released Herra on a signature bond and set his next court appearance for 9 a.m. Oct. 12, 2017, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

As a condition of bond, Herra is prohibited from having contact with the victim and prohibited from having contact with anyone younger than 17 other than his immediate family members.

If convicted of the most serious offense, Herra faces a sentence of probation or between 2 and 5 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In addition to the prison term, Herra would have to register as a sexual offender for 10 years in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information about Herra should call Kane County Sheriff's investigators at (630) 444-1103.

The charges against Herra are not proof of guilt. Herra is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Richard L. Herra: Age 49 (d.o.b. 8-23-1968), of the 400 block of East Reader Street, Elburn