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### **ELBURN MAN WHO WAS RELEASED ON SIGNATURE BOND FACING NEW CHARGES OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

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An Elburn man who was released from custody on a signature bond after being charged with soliciting a minor for sex is back in custody on new charges for alleged sexual abuse of a child.

Kane County prosecutors, after an investigation by the Kane County Sheriff's Office, charged 49-year-old **Richard L. Herra** with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon alleges that on or about July 26, 2017, Herra committed an act of sexual conduct with a minor younger than 17.

Earlier this week Herra was charged 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. Authorities took him into custody in that case and a Kane County judge, over the objection of the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, released Herra on his promise to appear in court.

The new charges reflect a second victim.

A warrant for Herra's arrest on the newest charges was issued today and bail was set at \$250,000 with 10 percent (\$25,000) to apply for bond. Herra was taken into custody late this morning by Kane County Sheriff's detectives. He appeared this afternoon in Kane County bond court.

If he posts bond, he will be placed on electronic home monitoring, he is prohibited from having contact of any kind with anyone younger than 18, and he is prohibited from having unsupervised contact with any immediate family member who is a minor.

Herra's next court appearance remains 9 a.m. Oct. 12, 2017, in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

If convicted of the most serious offense, Herra faces a sentence of probation or between 3 and 7 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In addition to the prison term, Herra would have to register for life as a sexual offender 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