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### **PENNSYLVANIA MAN GETS 6 YEARS FOR PAYING TO HAVE SEX WITH CHILDREN**

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The Kane County State's Attorney's Office has secured a prison sentence for a Pennsylvania man who traveled to Aurora and paid for a sexual encounter with children.

Associate Judge Linda S. Abrahamson today sentenced 38-year-old **Shane R. Lewis** to 6 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A Kane County jury on Aug. 2, 2017, convicted **Lewis** of involuntary sexual servitude of a minor, a Class X felony, traveling to meet a minor, a Class 3 felony, and grooming, a Class 4 felony.

Kane County prosecutors presented evidence that on Jan. 8, 2015, Lewis, who was in the Chicago area for business purposes, traveled from DuPage County to an Aurora hotel with the intent to pay to have sex with what he believed would be a 14-year-old girl and a 15-year-old girl. When Lewis arrived at the hotel, he met a person he thought was the girls' mother, confirmed that he wanted sexual favors, paid the person \$200, and was arrested by officers from Homeland Security Investigations and the Aurora Police Department.

Lewis testified during the trial that his intent was to engage in sexual conduct with the children.

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

According to Illinois law, Lewis is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He receives credit for 68 days served in the Kane County jail, where he has been held since his conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Christine Bayer and Kane County First Assistant State's Attorney Jody Gleason.

"Mr. Lewis has taken great pains to avoid responsibility for his actions. He has blamed everyone but himself, and he has failed to see how he is a part of the

unconscionable problem that is child sex trafficking. In fact this is basic economics, the law of supply and demand. There is a supply because there is a demand. Mr. Lewis represents the demand side. This office will continue to do its part to eliminate demand,” Kane County State’s Attorney Joe McMahon said.

**Shane R. Lewis:** Age 38 (d.o.b. 2-7-1979), of the 500 block of North Mill Road, Kennett Square, Pa.