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FORMER AURORA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEXUALLY ASSAULTING FOUR CHILDREN FOR MORE THAN A DECADE

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A former Aurora man will go to prison for sexually assaulting four children he knew over 12 years.

53-year-old Martin L. Beyer today agreed to a sentence of 16 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony, 4 counts.

Circuit Judge John A. Barsanti accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lori Schmidt stated in court that between 2001 and 2013 Beyer sexually assaulted the four victims, who were younger than 18. Beyer knew the victims.

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

According to Illinois law, Beyer must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 177 days served in the Kane County jail. Beyer had been free on \$30,000 bond. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

"This defendant had been sexually abusing children for more than a decade before he was caught. He was stopped because one of his victims came forward and disclosed his criminal behavior. This brave disclosure prompted additional victims to bravely come forward and expose more of the defendant's abuse. These victims should be proud of their strength and courage. I commend the work of Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Sarah Seberger, the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, and the Aurora Police Department," said Kane County Assistant State's Attorney William Engerman, chief of the office's Criminal Trials Bureau.

Martin L. Beyer: Age 53 (d.o.b. 8-7-1965), homeless and formerly of Aurora