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NORTH AURORA PASTOR PLEADS GUILTY FOR SEX ABUSE OF CHILD **RALPHAEL ROBINSON WAS REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER WHEN HE COMMITTED THE CRIME**

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An Aurora man has pleaded guilty for sexually abusing a child in the North Aurora church where he was a pastor.

41-year-old Ralphael J. Robinson on Friday, October 5, 2018, agreed to a sentence of 14 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony.

Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Lori Schmidt stated in court that on April 18, 2016, Robinson sexually abused the victim, who is younger than 18 years old. Robinson knew the victim. The abuse occurred at Kingdom Church, which is in the 100 block of South Lincolnway, North Aurora.

Robinson was registered as a sexual offender in accordance with the Illinois Sexual Offender Registration Act at the time of the offense.

According to Illinois law, Robinson is eligible for day-for-day sentencing. He receives credit for 896 days served in the Kane County jail, where has had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

"This defendant was this victim's church pastor when he abused her, an appalling violation of a child's trust. This victim showed amazing bravery by immediately reporting this defendant's abuse to her parents, who promptly contacted authorities. Everyone who supported this child should be commended," said Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Debra Bree, the executive director of the Kane County Child Advocacy Center.

The Kane County CAC investigated and prosecuted the case.

Ralphael J. Robinson: 41 (d.o.b. 3-5-1977), of the 1700 block of Felten Road, Aurora