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### **SUGAR GROVE MAN GUILTY FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING 2<sup>ND</sup> VICTIM NOEL BUHAY, CURRENTLY SERVING 45-YEAR SENTENCE, FACES ADDITIONAL PRISON TERM**

A Sugar Grove man has been found guilty of sexually assaulting a second victim, a verdict which means he faces a second lengthy prison sentence.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., today found 51-year-old **Noel F. Buhay**, guilty of:

- Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, eight counts
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, one count

Buhay waived his right to a jury trial.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Andrew Leuchtman presented evidence that between December 2005 and December 2008 Buhay sexually assaulted the victim, whom Buhay knew. The abuse started when the victim was younger than 13 years old.

Judge Tegeler set Buhay's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25, 2019, for motions and sentencing. Buhay faces a minimum sentence of 51 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The sentence would be served consecutive to a 45-year sentence Buhay is serving for a March 17, 2017, conviction of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, three counts. In that case, Buhay between January 2004 and May 2004 sexually assaulted a foster child who was living with his family.

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

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center investigated the case.

"Noel Buhay is a child predator who has exploited young people who should have been able to trust him. Both of these victims played important roles in this defendant being found guilty in that they truthfully told their story and trusted the criminal justice system to work for them. This conviction assures that Noel Buhay will never again be able to harm children. Excellent work by ASAs Schmidt and Leuchtman," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

**Noel F. Buhay:** 51 (d.o.b. 6-20-1967), of the 1100 block of Dorr Drive, Sugar Grove.