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FREEPORT RESIDENT, FORMERLY OF ELGIN, GUILTY OF CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT

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A Freeport resident who previously lived in Elgin faces a prison sentence for sexually assaulting a child.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on Jan. 28, 2020, found 50-year-old **James J. "Jamie" Boots** guilty of the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony.

Boots waived the right to a jury trial.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Vincent Coyle and Lori Schmidt presented evidence that between April 2009 and October 2010 Boots sexually assaulted the victim. Boots knew the victim, who was younger than 13 years old at the time. The sexual assaults took place when Boots lived in Elgin. Boots had since moved to Freeport.

Judge Tegeler set Boots's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. March 26, 2020, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. Boots faces a minimum sentence of 6 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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

Boots remains in custody at the Kane County jail. Judge Tegeler revoked bond upon conviction.

The Kane County Child Advocacy Center investigated the case.

James J. Boots: Age 50 (d.o.b. 8-24-1969), of the 500 block of West American Street, Freeport, Illinois, and previously of Elgin. Case No. 18CF659.