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JURY CONVICTS EAST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 131 EMPLOYEE FOR SEX ASSAULT OF STUDENT

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A Kane County jury has found 65-year-old **Juan C. Avendano** guilty of the offenses of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, 3 counts, and aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, 3 counts.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Matthew Rodgers and Jessica Michels presented evidence that between August 2016 and June 2017 Avendano made sexual contact with the victim who was younger than 13 years old. Avendano was the victim's teacher at Bardwell Elementary School in East Aurora School District 131.

Kane County Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo, Jr., set Avendano's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. Sept. 29, 2021, for motions and to set a sentencing date.

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

Avendano had been free on \$25,000 bond. Judge LoPiccolo revoked bond upon conviction and ordered Avendano into custody at the Kane County jail.

ASA Rodgers said:

"Mr. Avendano selfishly exploited the teacher-student relationship. Sadly, the vast majority of child sexual abuse victims are preyed upon by adults they know and should be able to trust. Thankfully, when this survivor spoke up to a friend about the sexual abuse, the friend listened and told an adult. Thanks to Investigator Tim Bosshart, case manager Cindy Barrett and advocate Julie Pohlman at the Kane County Child Advocacy Center for their work on this case."

Juan C. Avendano: Age 65 (d.o.b. 3-8-1956), of the 1300 block of South Glen Circle, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 18CF516.