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AURORA MAN GUILTY OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING CHILD, FACES MINIMUM 21 YEARS IN PRISON

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that a jury has found **Benigno Cruz** guilty of the offenses of:

- Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, 3 counts
- Criminal sexual assault, Class 1 felony
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony, 4 counts

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Tyler Cox and Lori Schmidt presented evidence that, between autumn of 2014 and autumn of 2018, Cruz sexually assaulted the victim, who was younger than 13 years old. Cruz knew the victim.

Kane County Judge Alice C. Tracy set Cruz's next court appearance for 1:30 p.m. on June 24, 2022, in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. Cruz faces a minimum sentence of 21 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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

Cruz remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he has been held in lieu of \$500,000 bail since his arrest. Judge Tracy revoked bond upon conviction.

ASA Cox said:

"The victim in this case survived a childhood of sexual abuse inflicted upon her by the defendant. She made the courageous decision to disclose the abuse to an adult, and because of her strength, this defendant will be held accountable for his own decisions. The multidisciplinary team at the Kane County Child Advocacy has done an excellent job from the outset of this investigation, and I thank ASA Lori Schmidt for her vital contributions during the trial, and CAC investigator Beth Mullarkey for her great work on this case."

Benigno Cruz: Age 36 (d.o.b. 11-10-1985), of the 1200 block of Grove Street, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF1024.