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### **JURY FINDS ELGIN MAN GUILTY OF CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULTS MINIMUM SENTENCE IS 36 YEARS IN PRISON**

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that a jury has found 48-year-old **Luis Alberto Najera Ayala** guilty of the offenses of:

- Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, Class X felony, 6 counts
- Aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony

Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Lori Schmidt and Stacey Wittman presented evidence that, between January 2017 and February 2020, Ayala sexually assaulted the victim multiple times. Ayala knew the victim, who was younger than 12 years old. The victim heard a presentation at school about personal body safety and told her mother about the assaults.

Judge Alice C. Tracy set Ayala's next court appearance for 2:30 p.m. on July 13, 2022, in Courtroom 313 at the Kane County Judicial Center for motions and sentencing. Ayala faces a minimum sentence of 36 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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

Ayala remains in custody at the Kane County jail, where he had been held in lieu of \$1 million bail since his arrest. Judge Tracy revoked his bond upon conviction at the state's request.

**ASA Schmidt said:**

"The victim at the time of this trial was only 11 years old. She showed incredible bravery and strength when facing her abuser in court and testifying about his abuse. Many people in our community played a role in obtaining justice for the victim and are owed thanks for their efforts. They include Officer Edwin Alva of the Elgin Police Department, the staffs at Advocate Sherman Hospital and Advocate Lutheran Children's Hospital, and the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory, as well as Investigator Dave Smith, forensic interviewer Kasandra Osorio and victim advocate Andrea Nava of the Kane County Child Advocacy Center."

**Luis Alberto Najera Ayala:** Age 48 (d.o.b. 3-4-1974), of the 700 block of Jay Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF387.