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FORMER EAST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 131 EMPLOYEE GETS 18-YEAR SENTENCE FOR SEX ASSAULT OF STUDENT

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo, Jr., has sentenced 66-year-old **Juan C. Avendano** to 18 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In August of 2021, a jury found 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. Avendano was the victim's teacher at Bardwell Elementary School in East Aurora School District 131. The victim was younger than 13 years old.

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

According to Illinois law, Avendano must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. He receives credit for 276 days served in the Kane County jail.

ASA Rodgers said:

"Mr. Avendano took advantage of a relationship built on the trust of a vulnerable child. Fortunately, this child realized that Mr. Avendano was unworthy of trust and spoke up about his criminal acts. Because of this child's bravery, Mr. Avendano probably will spend most of the rest of his life in prison, preventing other children from being victimized. My thanks to Investigator Tim Bosshart, case manager Cindy Barrett and advocate Julie Pohlman at the Kane County Child Advocacy Center, as well as DCFS Investigator Orlando Arroyo, for their work on this case."

Juan C. Avendano: Age 66 (d.o.b. 3-8-1956), of the 1300 block of South Glen Circle, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 18CF516.