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### **ELGIN MAN GETS 45 YEARS FOR REPEATED SEXUAL ASSAULTS OF A CHILD**

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

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Alice C. Tracy has sentenced 48-year-old **Luis Alberto Najera Ayala** to 45 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In May, a jury found Ayala guilty of six counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, a Class X felony, and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a 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.

The sentence is 42 years for the predatory criminal sexual assault offenses and 3 years for the aggravated criminal sexual abuse offense. He faced a minimum sentence of 36 years in prison.

According to Illinois law, Ayala must serve at least 85 percent of the predatory criminal sexual assault sentence and is eligible for day-for-day sentencing on the aggravated criminal sexual abuse sentence.

He receives credit for 886 days served in the Kane County jail.

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

**ASA Schmidt said:**

“This defendant is a textbook sexual predator. He repeatedly preyed on a young child who should have been able to trust him. It is fitting that he most likely will spend the rest of his life in prison. I wish to thank the staffs at the Elgin Police Department, the Advocate Sherman Hospital and Advocate Lutheran Children’s Hospital, and the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. Thanks also to ASA Wittman, Investigator Dave Smith, forensic interviewer Kasandra Osorio and victim advocate Andrea Nava, all of the Kane County Child Advocacy Center.”