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JOSÉ ARELLANO, WHO SKIPPED CHILD SEX ASSAULT TRIAL, GETS LIFE IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING TWO CHILDREN STILL WANTED ON A WARRANT

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RE: José Arellano: Age 47 (d.o.b. 6-23-1975), of the 500 block of Morton Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2020CF935.

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser announces that Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo has sentenced **José Arellano** to life imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

In September, a jury found Arellano guilty of the four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault, Class X felony, and four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, Class 2 felony.

At trial, Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Stacey Wittman and Morgan Wilkinson presented the following evidence:

Between September 2010 and May 2020, Arellano sexually assaulted two victims. Arellano knew the victims, both of whom were younger than 13 years old.

Arellano's whereabouts are unknown. He was not present for the trial and not present for the sentencing hearing. He posted \$30,000 bond on July 6, 2020 and last was seen December 8, 2021 when he appeared remotely for a hearing. When he failed to appear for the next hearing on March 29, 2022, Judge LoPiccolo issued a warrant for his arrest. Anyone with information about Arellano should call the Kane County Child Advocacy Center at (630) 208-5160 or 911.

The sentence is four terms of natural life in prison to be served concurrent to one another.

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

ASA Wittman said: "This defendant has been a fugitive from justice for close to a year. He had the opportunity to challenge the evidence against him, as well as his accusers.

Instead he chose to run and hide. That seems to speak volumes about his character, a far cry from his victims, who were bravely prepared to face him in court. My thanks to ASA Wilkinson, victim advocate Jenny Lozada, Aurora Police Sgt. Lorena Hernandez, former Aurora Police Sgt. Chris Tunney, and Flora Amezcua, an investigator at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.”

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