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**JOSE PINA HERNANDEZ, CARBONDALE, SENTENCED TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR PREDATORY CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that Jose Pina Hernandez, 29, of Carbondale, Illinois, pled guilty to one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and was sentenced to serve thirty-four (34) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, which will be followed by a three (3) year to natural life period of Mandatory Supervised Release. Upon his release from the Department of Corrections, he will be required to register as a sex offender.

In July of 2017, Pina Hernandez sexually assaulted a child under the age of 13 in that he placed his finger or fingers inside of or made contact with the vagina of a six-year-old. These actions were done for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of himself. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a class X felony, for which a sentence to the Department of Corrections is mandatory. The sentencing range for this offense is 6 to 60 years.

The investigation was conducted by the Carbondale Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca L. Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.