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**JOSE CANELA-BARREDA, MURPHYSBORO, 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 Canela-Barreda, 50, of Murphysboro, Illinois, pled guilty to one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and was sentenced to serve twenty-five (25) 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 for the rest of his life.

In 2019, Canela-Barreda sexually assaulted a 12- year- old child. DNA evidence confirmed the child's version and Canela-Barreda admitted in Court to performing the conduct. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a class X felony, for which a sentence to the Department of Corrections is mandatory. Canela-Barreda has been in the custody of the Jackson County Sheriff since February 2020.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State's Attorney Rebecca L. Blomer was responsible for the prosecution of this case.