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SEX OFFENDER CONVICTED IN BOONE COUNTY

Boone County Judge Fernando Engelsma found Tereso Hernandez guilty of one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child following a bench trial on February 13, 2009.

Hernandez is scheduled for sentencing on March 27, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a Class X felony. The sentencing range for a Class X felony charge is between six (6) to thirty (30) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Boone County State's Attorney commended her assistants Sal LoPiccolo and Ann Switzer for the hard work they put into this case. Courier stated, "This case was a priority for my office when we took over in December 2008. This defendant had been in our jail since November 2007. We needed to bring closure to this case for the horrific offenses perpetrated on a child."