

PRESS RELEASE

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BOONE COUNTY MAN GETS 17 YEARS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD

Today Boone County Judge Fernando Engelsma sentenced Tereso Hernandez, 24, to 17 years in prison for one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a seven-year-old girl. This sentence is in addition to another 8 year sentence that Hernandez is already serving in the Department of Corrections for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a five-year-old boy.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a class X felony. A Class X felony conviction carries a sentencing range of between 6 to 30 years in the Department of Corrections and requires a defendant to serve a minimum of 85% of his sentence.