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Lake Zurich man gets 7 years for sex abuse

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WAUKEGAN - Lake Zurich resident Daniel Thomas was sentenced to seven years in prison Wednesday after admitting to sexually abusing a teenage relative.

Thomas, 41, of the 400 block of South Old Rand Road, pleaded guilty to a single count of criminal sexual abuse. In late October 2008, a female relative accused him of molesting her and having sex with her, said prosecutor Bodie Haxall.

As part of Thomas' plea deal, prosecutors dropped a sexual assault charge and two counts of sexual abuse. Investigators believe the sex was a one-time incident, Haxall said.

Thomas has no history of criminal convictions and is eligible to serve 50 percent of the seven-year sentence.