

Child molester gets 104 years Horak abused 8-year-old; must serve 85%

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WAUKGAN - Calling his actions "despicable," a judge sentenced Carl Horak to more than a century in prison Thursday for molesting a young family member.

The Wauconda man, who earlier this year was convicted of more than a dozen counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault of a child, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Fred Foreman to 104 years.

Horak and wife Tiffany, both 27, formerly of the 28000 block of Lake Drive, have been convicted of using sex toys on an 8-year-old relative. They also forced the girl to perform oral sex.

Tiffany pleaded guilty to a single count last summer and was sentenced to 14 years in prison. Carl went to trial in January and was found guilty on 13 counts.

"These were despicable acts," Foreman told Horak before sentencing him. "They are the types of things that no young child should have to suffer through."

In her victim impact statement, the girl said she was scarred by the events.

"(Carl) should not hurt anyone else. He hurt me inside. I am angry for what he did to me," she wrote.

Horak could have been sentenced to 78 to 120 years in prison. Prosecutor Ari Fisz requested the maximum. Foreman settled on eight years per count.

Prior to his sentence, Horak maintained that he is innocent and asked for leniency.

"Have some heart on the sentencing," he asked Foreman.

Horak is required to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence.