

Waukegan man denies raping 4-year-old girl

Sex offender not registered since move in 2006

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A Waukegan sex offender who allegedly kidnapped and raped a 4-year-old girl on July 27 denied the charges in court Thursday.

Appearing unshaven and shackled, Lonnie Bobbitt, 46, of the 400 block of McKinley Avenue pleaded not guilty to nearly a dozen felony counts.

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Bobbitt

Bobbitt was indicted last week on four counts each of criminal sexual assault and predatory criminal sexual assault. He also faces single counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, aggravated kidnapping and failure to register as a sex offender.

The former Chicago resident was arrested by Waukegan police on July 27 after a family friend reported that Bobbitt had kidnapped her daughter. According to police, Bobbitt took the

girl from her Dugdale Road home sometime on July 26. When the girl's mother woke up the following day, she noticed her daughter was missing. She went to Bobbitt's home and found the girl naked in a bedroom.

Bobbitt was previously registered as a sex offender in Illinois following a 1995 conviction for sexual assault in Cook County. He had not registered since moving to Waukegan in 2006, police said.

Bobbitt faces up to 30 years in prison on the sex charges and 30 years on the kidnapping count. If convicted, a judge could order that those sentences be served consecutively because they are separate acts.

Bobbitt is being held in the Lake County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bond. His next scheduled court date is Sept. 10.