

# Man accused of having sex with girl, 12

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WAUKEGAN -- A 20-year-old Waukegan man has an Oct. 6 court date after he allegedly sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl.

Dennis McGowan of the 900 block of Muirfield was arrested Tuesday and charged with predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony punishable by 6 to 30 years in jail, police said.

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**McGowan**

Police were called when the mother of the victim who is from Great Lakes, called to say she saw text messages on her telephone that her daughter borrowed indicating the daughter was sexually assaulted.

Officers located the suspect and he was taken into custody. McGowan knew the 12-year-old and both were staying at the house of a relative when he allegedly assaulted the young girl.

McGowan was being held in Lake County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond.