



## Chicago man pleads guilty to sex assault

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### NEWS-SUN STAFF REPORT

A Chicago man who was accused of sexually assaulting a young family member nearly 15 years ago pleaded guilty to the charges Friday and may now spend up to 15 years in prison.

Charles Pashegoba, 45, pleaded guilty to a single count of aggravated criminal sexual assault in connection to a number of incidents in Round Lake Beach in 1995 and 1996. A male family member told police Pashegoba forced him to perform sex acts while he was baby-sitting him, said prosecutor James Newman.

The victim, now 21, came forward with the accusations in late 2008 and Pashegoba was arrested by Round Lake Beach police a short time later.

The Class X felony is punishable by up to 30 years in prison, but through a plea deal Pashegoba's sentence is capped at 15 years. He has a status hearing scheduled for Sept. 21 and is expected to be sentenced by Circuit Judge John Phillips sometime in October. He remains held in the Lake County Jail on \$500,000 bond.