



AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

AURORA MAN CHARGED WITH 17 FELONY COUNTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT FOR MULTIPLE CASES BETWEEN 1997 AND 2003

[AURORA, Ill. – April 1, 2020]: Aurora Police have arrested and charged a 57-year-old man with 17 felony counts of sexual assault for multiple cases involving two children between 1997 and 2003.

In January 2020, two women came forward to report that they had been sexually assaulted multiple times by the same man while they were growing up in Aurora. The women told detectives they were between the ages of 9 and 16-years-old when the sexual assaults occurred.

Detectives began investigating the case, speaking to potential witnesses and looking into all aspects of the allegations.

Detectives determined that 57-year-old Manuel Marquez-Garcia, of the 0-100 block of North Gregory Street in Aurora, was responsible for the sexual assaults and presented the case to the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, who authorized the following charges against Garcia:

Three Class X Felony counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child – Victim under 13

Ten Class 1 Felony counts of Criminal Sexual Assault

Four Class 2 Felony counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse

On Monday, detectives took Marquez-Garcia into custody at his home without incident.

Charges are not proof of guilt. The defendant listed in this release is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which it is the burden of the State to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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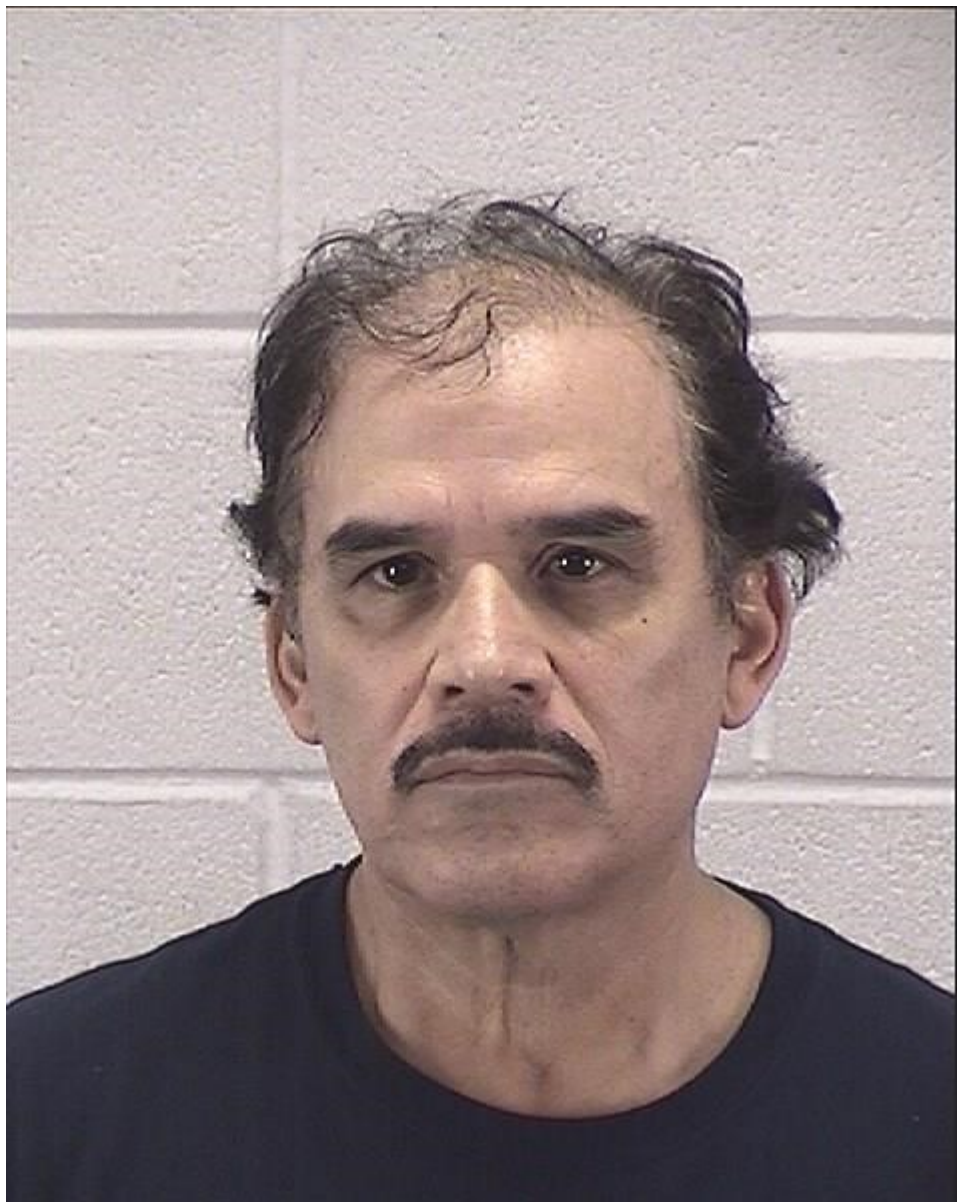


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