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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Francisco J. Correa (DOB: 12/29/1990)** was found guilty of six counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher.

In March of 2022, Rockford Police began investigating allegations of sexual assault and abuse by the defendant, Francisco Correa. The victim reported that the abuse had happened multiple times and for several years prior to her coming forward. The child was 10 years old when the allegations were reported to the Department of Children and Family Services and the police began their investigation.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years to natural life of mandatory supervised release.

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by one year of mandatory supervised release.

Correa is scheduled to be sentenced on November 10, 2025, in front of Judge Maher in Courtroom D of the Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Alison Meason and Joseph Carder are handling the prosecution.

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