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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced **Francisco J. Correa (DOB: 12/29/1990)** to a total of 210 years in prison for six counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. The defendant was sentenced to 35 years on each of the six counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, which are mandatory consecutive and are to be served at 85%, with a Mandatory Supervised Release term of three years up to natural life. The defendant was sentenced to seven years on each of the two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, to be served concurrent to the other counts, and are to be served at 50% with a Mandatory Supervised Release term of one year. Correa was found guilty of the charges after a jury trial in September.

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.

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

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