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Maplewood man convicted of criminal sexual conduct sentenced to prison

STILLWATER, MN --- A man convicted of sexually assaulting two children under the age of 10 will serve the next 12 years of his life in prison, Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson announced.

26-year-old Lorenzo M. Rodriguez of Maplewood was sentenced on Friday, Aug. 19 by Judge Douglas B. Meslow to the presumptive sentence of 144 months in state prison, rejecting his plea for a probationary sentence. Rodriguez previously entered a guilty plea in May for first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

According to the criminal complaint, Rodriguez engaged in sexual penetration of two girls between the ages of 9 and 10 from November 2015 to October 2016. The assaults occurred at multiple locations including an apartment in Oakdale. The conduct was reported to the Oakdale Police Department in September of 2019.

Following the sentencing, Assistant Washington County Attorney Marc Berris applauded the courage of the two young victims for coming forward and reporting what had occurred.

"It took tremendous bravery for the victims to not only tell their family members what had been done to them, but to be willing to tell the same to a jury had a trial been necessary," he said. "I can only hope that now that the case is concluded the victims and their family can begin to heal from the terrible damage so cruelly inflicted by the defendant."

"Sex offenders who prey upon child victims present a threat to the safety and security of our entire community, and I am pleased that this particular offender received the lengthy prison sentence he deserved," said Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson. "Our office will continue to prioritize demanding justice against those who seek to victimize children to the fullest extent possible."

In addition to the prison sentence, Rodriguez will serve a ten-year period of conditional release and must register as a predatory offender for the remainder of his life.

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