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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man will be sentenced to eight years in prison for sexually assaulting a 6-year-old Jersey City boy, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Wednesday.

Bernard Roldan, 44, of Seaside Avenue, admitted during a plea hearing Wednesday that on Aug. 16, 2008, he committed a sexual contact against the victim in the Children's Arcade at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, said Chief Assistant Prosecutor Ellen Loughney.

During the court proceeding Roldan stated that he rubbed his groin area against the child as the child was playing an arcade game. He was arrested the same day at Harrah's and he was charged with the crime, Loughney said.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Roldan must serve 85 percent of the prison term before parole eligibility. He also will be subject to Megan's Law and Parole Supervision for Life, Loughney stated.

Roldan is scheduled for sentencing on June 5 before Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio.

The defendant was indicted on Dec. 4 on one count of sexual assault and has remained in custody since his arrest.

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