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Man gets 3 life sentences

Charges from 15-year-old case of sexual assault of a child

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A Fort Bend County man this week was given three life sentences in a case of sexual assault that dates to 1994.

The punishment was given out to Timothy Anglin, 45, who has a Richmond address, after he was found guilty this week of three cases of ag-

gravated sexual assault involving a girl who was 6 years old in 1994. The victim today is 25, and she did not tell an adult about her accusations against Anglin until 2006.

The punishment was given out by Judge Thomas Calver III, who also found Anglin guilty in a rare bench trial, which is a trial whose outcome is determined by a judge instead of a

jury. Anglin had previously been convicted on several burglary cases and a case of injury to a child in 1997. He also had drug charges pending in Fort Bend County.

Prosecutor Stacy Morton said the female victim had been living out-of-state, as had her two brothers. Though the Fort Bend County charges only involved the girl, the two boys had also

testified to being sexually assaulted by Anglin, she said.

"This is a very emotional trial. It was very difficult for these children, who are now in their late teens and early 20s. I want to specifically commend Detective Mark Williams at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, who

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from long-distance managed to put a case together that at the time it was investigated was approximately 12 years old," she said.

In 2007, the Texas Legislature passed a law that did away altogether with statute-of-limitations in cases of sexual assault. Previously, cases could only be brought against individuals for 10 years following the victim's 18th birthday.

"It's important for children to tell right away, for their own safety and well-being when they have been sexually abused and so a perpetrator can be ID'd as early as possible," Morton said.

Fellow prosecutor Mark LaForge said the case "would never have been possible without the remarkable courage of the three children in this case."

The charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child is normally punishable with a prison sentence of five years to life. However, Anglin could not have been sentenced to less than 25 years of prison, given his history.

"The crimes Mr. Anglin committed in secret aren't secret anymore. Hopefully, these young adults can close this chapter in their life and can get on with a future that looks much better now than yesterday," said Culver.