

Three life sentences for sexual assault of a child

Timothy James Anglin was sentenced March 11 to three life sentences after he was found guilty on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The 45-year old Richmond man was convicted for sexually abusing the child of a family friend in 1994.

According to Assistant District Attorney Suzy Morton, Child Abuse Division Chief, Anglin repeatedly sexually abused the young step-daughter of his best friend when he lived with the family in the 1990's.

The victim, now 21 years old, testified that some of the incidents occurred at a house where the defendant was hired to clean the backyard pool.

Other assaults occurred when Anglin took her riding on his motorcycle or on camping trips her family took with the defendant.

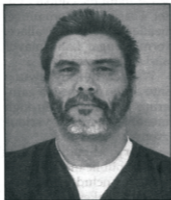
In this case, the victim first told an adult when she was 18 years old - approximately 12 years after the abuse.

Evidence showed that as a teenager, she had told friends who were her own age.

The young lady ultimately admitted to her mother that Anglin had sexually abused her after one of her brothers told their father of his abuse at Anglin's hands.

At the time of the disclosure, the victim's father and two brothers were living in one state while the victim lived with her mother in another. None of them have lived in Texas in over 10 years.

After Anglin was found guilty, both of the victim's brothers testified that they had also been sexually abused by the defen-



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dant. One of the young men was the first to reveal the abuse to his father in 2006.

"Keeping Timothy Anglin away from the public for the rest of his life would never have been possible without the remarkable courage of the three children in this case," said prosecutor Mark LaForge.

"The children had the strength to tell about the horrible things that happened to them and we are grateful to them for bringing Timothy Anglin to justice. Anglin deserves every day of the three life sentences he got," LaForge said.

"We are so proud of these three young people who were willing to come back to Texas and testify about very painful experiences in their lives. They are all extremely fine good-hearted kids living productive lives, working and attending school. They are successful in so many ways and an inspiration to other victims and the rest of us," Suzy Morton said.

Morton also said, "we specifically want to commend the efforts

of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detective Mark Williams, who managed to put a case together over long distances and, at the time it was investigated, was approximately 12 years old."

As of September 1, 2007, there is no longer a statute of limitations in Texas for sex offenses committed against children.

Generally speaking, cases with an offense date of September 1, 1987 or later can be prosecuted. There are some exceptions if the prior statute of limitations expired before the new laws were enacted.

"Most of the time child victims do not tell right away, especially when they have been sexually abused by someone they know," says Morton.

"We want children to know that no matter how long it takes for them to tell, what happened to them still matters, and we will prosecute the perpetrator if we can."

The case was heard by Judge Thomas R. Culver, III in the 240th Judicial District Court. Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony punishable by 5 to 99 years or life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

Anglin had been previously convicted on felony charges of burglary of a habitation, burglary of a vehicle and injury to a child; therefore, he was not considered for a probation sentence.

The defendant was also pending felony drug charges at the time of his arrest and trial in the current case.

Cary Faden and Michael Diaz represented the defendant.