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# Press Release

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## Man gets life for sexually abusing girlfriend's daughters

A 40-year-old ex-convict has been sentenced to life in prison for sexually abusing his girlfriend's two daughters, ages 6 and 10.

On Thursday, jurors in state district Judge Mike Thomas' court convicted Mannix Todd of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child for abusing the 6-year-old girl and one count of indecency-fondling for molesting the 10-year-old girl.

Later, the jury deliberated just 15 minutes in deciding to sentence him to life in prison on each of the first two counts and 50 years in prison on the indecency charge. All of the sentences will run concurrently.

During the trial, prose-

cutors Dale Smith and Page Simpson presented evidence that Todd left his 63-year-old common-law wife for a younger woman who lived across the street.

His new girlfriend had two daughters, who immediately started calling him "Dad."

About three months into his new relationship, Todd sexually assaulted his girlfriend's 6-year-old girl on two occasions and molested the 10-year-old girl on one occasion.

The abuse came to light after the youngest girl told her brother.

During the punishment phase of the trial, prosecutors presented the defendant's long history of felony convictions, which



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include burglary and drug and weapons possession.

Todd was on deferred adjudication probation out of Dallas county for stabbing the 63-year-old woman's son when he sexually abused the girls.

**"This defendant stole the innocence of two young girls and the jury made sure he has a long time to reflect on his heinous acts," said Assistant District Attorney**