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**MAN SENTENCED TO CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES OF 20, 45, 60 YEARS AND LIFE IN PRISON FOR
AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD AND INDECENCY WITH A CHILD**

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GALVESTON – On Monday, June 8, 2015, a jury convicted Royce Gene Adams, III of three counts of the felony offense of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and one count of Indecency with a Child by Contact. Yesterday, the same jury sentenced him to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on the Indecency Count and 45, 60 years, and Life in prison on the three counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

Visiting Judge Lisa Burkhalter presided over the trial in the 212th District Court and stacked each of the four sentences so that they run consecutively to each other. Adams was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Beverly Armstrong and T. Philip Washington. Winston Cochran represented the Defendant.

Prosecutors presented evidence showing that Adams met a woman through an online dating site a few months before the July 8, 2013 sexual assault. He moved into the woman's home with her 9 year old son and her 11 year old daughter—the victim—shortly after meeting her.

The victim testified that Adams invited her into his bedroom, on July 7, 2013, while her mother was being treated at a hospital for stroke symptoms. She explained that Adams gave her alcohol, a pill, and marijuana before touching her inappropriately and having sex with her. The Defendant was caught with his pants down when the child's mother returned home about 10:00pm, opened the bedroom door and caught both in various states of undress. She immediately called 911 and police officers arrived to find Adams attempting to flee with a backpack of personal items.

The victim was taken to UTMB to have a Sexual Assault Examination performed. Prosecutors presented evidence proving that Adams' DNA was found on the victim's body and toxicology results reflecting the prescription drug, Clonazepam, in her blood and urine. Jurors were also shown evidence that a search of Adam's home computer produced numerous images and videos of child pornography.

The 20 year sentence for Indecency with a Child by Contact and the 45, 60 years and Life sentences for the three counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, will run consecutively to each other.

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