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## **Defendant Sentenced for Aggravated Child Sexual Assault**

**DATE:** January 21, 2022

**CASE:** Robert Gene Walton (Case#15F03964)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Quirina Orozco, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

The Honorable Curtis Fiorini sentenced Robert Gene Walton to 18 years in prison. On December 20, 2021, a jury convicted Walton of six counts of committing lewd acts with a child as well as five aggravating factors.

In 2015, the victim disclosed that Walton committed multiple acts of substantial sexual abuse against her, including sodomy and oral copulation. The assaults occurred in two separate counties when she was 8 years old. During the sexual assaults, Walton gave the victim adult prescription sleeping pills and showed her pornography on his phone. He then made her reenact the videos with him. At trial, evidence included forensic evidence from Walton's phone including text messages, call logs and videos including pornography.

At the sentencing hearing, the now 15-year-old victim bravely addressed the court with a powerful victim impact statement emphasizing all the ways she has made a success of her life, in spite of the harm perpetrated against her. She participated in the trial to ensure the defendant did not hurt other children. This courageous survivor of abuse demonstrated that the acts committed against her by the defendant did not break her and do not define her.