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Child Molester Sentenced to 17 Years in Prison

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Albert Hernandez, 54, was sentenced to 17 years in prison by Judge John Brick on Monday. Hernandez pled guilty to two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child. Hernandez faced a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison.

On September 27, 2015, a 15-year-old girl disclosed to her mother that an acquaintance of the family had touched her inappropriately. She identified Hernandez as her abuser. During the investigation, Hernandez's DNA was collected on clothing items worn by the victim. When confronted by police, Hernandez confessed to inappropriately touching the child.

On August 23, 2017, Texas Rangers conducting a follow-up investigation interviewed a 27-year-old family member of Hernandez, who disclosed that Hernandez had abused her as a child, beginning when she was 14 or 15 years old. The woman had never reported the abuse prior to investigators contacting her.

Additionally, investigators discovered two other family members whom Hernandez abused as children. Both women, now in their 30's, spoke with investigators and detailed the abuse inflicted by Hernandez.

Due to the age of those cases, Texas' statute of limitations prevented prosecutors from filing additional charges against Hernandez based upon the new disclosures.

Three of the victims read victim impact statements during Hernandez's sentencing, and all three were prepared to testify at Hernandez's trial, had he not pled guilty.

Hernandez also waived the appeal as a part of his plea.

Assistant District Attorneys Kara Comte and Kristin Burns prosecuted this case on behalf of the State of Texas.





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“The voice of one girl stopped decades of abuse by this man. The courage of these young women, and the work of the Texas Rangers, ensured that the years of pain Hernandez inflicted resulted in a sentence close to the maximum.”

- Kara Comte and Kristin Burns, Assistant District Attorneys

