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Overton Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child

On October 30, 2025, a jury in the 114TH District Court of Smith County found Cory Grant (DOB: 11-24-1987), 37, of Overton, guilty of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child under the age of 14, following three days of testimony and evidence. On October 31, 2025, the same jury sentenced Grant to life in prison.

The investigation began on February 12, 2024, when the child victim reported that Grant had sexually assaulted her on multiple occasions. The victim disclosed four separate sexual assaults that occurred over a three-week period in January 2024 - one in Bossier City, Louisiana, one in Tyler, Texas, and two in Overton, Texas.

The multi-agency investigation led by Chief Bryan Pool of the Overton Police Department with assistance from the FBI, Child Protective Services, and the Tyler Police Department, revealed that Grant had been dating the victim's mother since November 2023. During that time, Grant repeatedly gained access to the child while accompanying the mother on trips to each location. Prosecutors Zachary Gillmore and Kasey Sirianni presented evidence that while alone with the victim, Grant sexually assaulted her at each site.

"Justice was served for this young victim thanks to her courage and the dedicated work of multiple law enforcement agencies," said Assistant District Attorney Zachary Gilmore. "This sentence ensures that Cory Grant will never harm another child."

For questions, please contact prosecutor Zachary Gilmore: 903-590-1720.

