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### **CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS**

David Duran Cornett, 41, of Waxahachie, Texas was sentenced to a total of 50 years in prison as part of plea bargain agreement in the 40<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court as jury selection was set to begin. Cornett pled guilty to nine charges of sexual assault of a child, three charges of prohibited sexual conduct, and one charge of compelling prostitution stemming from offenses that occurred between 2009 and 2011 with three different victims. Cornett received five 20-year sentences which will run consecutively to four other 20-year sentences, which will then run consecutively to four ten-year sentences. He cannot be considered for parole until he serves at least 25 years behind bars. Two of Cornett's victims, who are now adults, and their mothers provided victim impact statements at the conclusion of the sentencing. They told Cornett of the profound impact that these cases have had on their families, but that they were putting it all behind them and moving forward. They told him that justice had been served.

Ellis County & District Attorney issued the following statement: "There are no winners in these cases. But an important component of this plea bargain, as in all plea bargains, is the defendant's waiver of all appeals. Without that these matters can drag on for years, even after a trial. The uncertainty for victims can be devastating. The waiver of appeal allows the victims to put the legal process behind them and focus on their personal healing."



