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Convicted child molester David Bernard Sharp, 27, of Waxahachie, Texas, was sentenced on Thursday, January 20, 2011, to 99 years in prison. An Ellis County jury took less than 30 minutes to convict Sharp of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. The same jury assessed the 99 year prison sentence.

Evidence submitted to the jury included testimony from medical experts and forensic scientists. Sharp's DNA was found inside the victim. The victim, an 11-year old girl unrelated to Sharp, also testified. Testifying on his own behalf, Sharp explained the presence of his DNA by claiming that he was raped by the girl.

"It was a preposterous claim, strongly rejected by the jury," said Lindy Tober, who prosecuted the case. "There is no joy in these cases. But we are very pleased with the outcome," added Tober.



David Bernard Sharp