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STATE OF TEXAS V. ALBINO CEDILLO

On November 5th 2021, Del Rio resident, Albino Cedillo was found guilty of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child under 14 years of age, and one count of Aggravated Sexual Assault by a Val Verde County jury. During the three-day trial held in the 63rd District Court the Jury heard harrowing testimony from the child victim, now 14, of multiple instances of sexual abuse which they were subjected by the defendant between the ages of seven (7) to nine (9). Cedillo was the paramour of the victim's mother, and in the course of the trial, Cedillo testified to being the child's "father figure" and gaining the child's trust.

After three and a half hours of deliberation, the jury came back with their verdict of guilty on all counts. The Honorable Stephen Hilbig, Presiding Judge by assignment, postponed sentencing to December 16th 2021. After a brief sentencing hearing, Judge Hilbig assessed Cedillo's punishment at 53 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. By law, this sentence carries with it no possibility for parole, and Cedillo will be 83 years of age at his eventual time of release from prison. The victim will be 67.

Del Rio Police Department Sergeant Jesus Galindo served as lead case agent whom, with the help of Bluebonnet Child Advocacy Center, brought Cedillo to justice.

First Assistant District Attorney Jessica Shawver-Savino served as lead prosecutor with the assistance of District Attorney Suzanne West and Assistant District Attorney Ben Moorman. Also assisting were District Attorney Investigators Fidel Navarro, Thomas Wylie and Larry Pope.

When asked about the trial and its outcome, Savino states, "I am truly grateful for the service of our jury during this trial, and would also like to extend our gratitude to all court personnel and law enforcement partners who made this outcome possible. This child will always carry scars from the unspeakable things the defendant has done, and because of that, there may never be closure. However, this jury and our judge gave this child something just as valuable... They gave this child justice."

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