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MAN SENTENCED FOR MOLESTATION OF SIX-YEAR OLD

On March 29, 2007, a Cowlitz County Superior Court judge sentenced Daniel Henry Plant, 45, to a term of approximately 5 years to life in prison on a conviction for Child Molestation in the First Degree arising out of an incident that occurred in Longview in June 2006. A jury found him guilty of the charge on January 24, 2007. After two days of testimony, the jury deliberated only 90 minutes before returning the guilty verdict.

According to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amie Hunt who prosecuted the case, Plant was transient but occasionally stayed at the home of the mother of the six-year-old female victim. On the night of June 16, Plant, the mother and the girl were watching movies in bed. When the mother fell asleep, Plant molested the girl, who reported the abuse to her mother in the morning.

Under Washington law, Plant must serve a minimum of 64 months in prison but may be required to serve a longer prison term up to life if a parole board finds that he is likely to commit future sex crimes.