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**Jury Finds Pablo Almendarez-Funez Guilty of Three Cases of Sexual Assault
of a Child and One Indecency with a Child Case**

Defendant sentenced to 60 years per Sexual Assault case and 10 years on Indecency case

WHAT:

In the case of the *State vs. Pablo Almendarez-Funez*, tried in Criminal District Court #6, Judge Jeanine Howard presiding, a jury found the defendant Pablo Almendarez-Funez, guilty of three cases of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and one case of Indecency with a Child. Mr. Almendarez-Funez was sentenced to 60 years in each of the three Sexual Assault cases and 10 years on the charge of Indecency (to run concurrently) in the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC). The lead prosecutor on the case from the Dallas County District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Division was Geoffrey Keller.

WHEN:

The jury's verdict was handed down on February 15, 2008.
The trial began on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

WHERE:

Frank Crowley Courts Building
133 N. Industrial Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75207

BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2007, the brother of the victim who was 15-years-old at the time of the offense, returned from the library and found his father, Mr. Almendarez-Funez (the defendant), having sex with his then 13-year-old sister (daughter of the defendant) on the living room couch. The victim's brother immediately left the apartment and walked to a nearby park and informed an Irving Police Officer of what he had just witnessed. The defendant arrived at the park several minutes later, with the victim, and attempted to get his son to leave with them.

The defendant was detained by the Irving Police, while the victim was taken to Children's Medical Center for medical evaluation. Evidence of the defendant's spermatozoa, later confirmed through DNA testing, was found during the sexual assault examination of the girl. The girl was

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interviewed and she admitted numerous sexual acts the defendant had performed on her over the last several months. The girl's mother had sent her to live with the defendant in November 2006, and the defendant began sexually abusing his daughter the day after she moved in with him. The defendant was interviewed by Irving Police Department detectives and admitted only to having sex with his 13-year-old daughter on two occasions.

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