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Suarez Sentenced to 2 Life Sentences for Aggravated Kidnapping, Aggravated Sexual Assault Of NE Fort Worth Child

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(Fort Worth, TX) – Crispin Suarez was sentenced to 2 life sentences, plus 20 years by District Judge Mollee Westfall this week for Aggravated Kidnapping, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14 and Indecency with a Child for the January 2017 kidnapping and sexual assault of a 12 year old Fort Worth girl.

After the girl was reported missing by her parents after failing to return home from the park with her friends, witnesses came forward reporting having seen a dark Lincoln sedan driven by two Hispanic men circling the area in which the girls had been walking. Through witness statements, the Fort Worth Police were able to track the vehicle to the home of Suarez, where the girl was located.

Suarez was taken into custody, at which time the child provided details of the attack she endured from Suarez, who was a stranger to her. A second man, Manuel Garcia Verduzco, was also taken into custody at the scene for unrelated warrants.

"Given the violence of this offense, but for the quick and thorough work of the Fort Worth Police Department, we could have been prosecuting Suarez for an even worse crime," said prosecutor Emily Dixon.

Suarez was held without bail on an immigration and customs hold until the time of his plea. He told investigators that his attack on the girl seemed acceptable because when he called out to the girl from his car she waved, which he interpreted as "being flirtatious." He ultimately agreed to plead guilty to his crimes.

In an open plea in the 371st District Court, presided over by Judge Mollee Westfall, Suarez was sentenced to a life sentence for Aggravated Kidnapping, a life sentence for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14, and 20 years for Indecency with a Child. After passing the sentence, Judge Westfall stated that since Suarez had admitted his guilt she would grant the leniency of ordering the sentences be served concurrently rather than consecutively.

"This case is the epitome of every parent's worst nightmare," said prosecutor Anna Hernandez.

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