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Fort Worth sex offender sentenced to three decades in prison

(Fort Worth, TX) – James Williams – a Fort Worth sex offender with a history of kidnapping charges – pled guilty Monday to aggravated sexual assault of a child and aggravated kidnapping regarding to the 2015 rape of a child under 14 years old.

The 55-year-old will spend the next 30 years in prison.

In 2015, the then-13-year-old girl was walking home from a park near the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Fort Worth when a man stopped his car on the street as he passed her. He came up behind her, grabbed her in a chokehold and put her in his car. He told her to not scream and to turn off her phone.

He drove off with her in his car. Eventually, he stopped the car, ordered her to remove her clothes and raped her. He later left her in a vacant lot near her home.

The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) linked DNA from the rape to Williams in 2018.

Williams, who has a history of multiple kidnappings, was sentenced to two years in prison in 2016 for the attempted kidnapping of a different young girl. It was the conviction in that case that led to his DNA being entered into CODIS.

He also violated sex offender registration requirements. During the time between his sentence in 2016 and his arrest in 2019, he worked as a youth sports referee in Granbury and Godley ISDs without disclosing his sex offender status.

He was also arrested in 2012 for allegedly trying to kidnap a 12-year-old girl, but the case was not billed by a grand jury. Further, Williams was sentenced in 1994 to nine months in jail in Hawaii after pleading no contest to kidnapping a woman there.

Williams entered his plea in the 297th District Court, presided over by Judge David Hagerman. Prosecutors Kim D'Avignon and Peter Geiseking, along with investigator Chris LaChance and Angela Stevens with Victim's Assistance, worked on this case.

