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River Oaks teen sentenced to 20 years for killing 6-year-old cousin

(Fort Worth, TX) – A 15-year-old who bashed in his younger cousin's head with a baseball bat in 2021 was sentenced Friday to 20 years in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for capital murder.

323rd District Judge Alex Kim sentenced the youth, whose name is being withheld because he is still a minor.

On August 18, 2021, the juvenile, then 12, smashed in his 6-year-old cousin's head outside her River Oaks home. Police responded to a call of an injured person that evening and unsuccessfully administered medical aid to the girl. She was taken to a Fort Worth hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The teen admitted that he killed his cousin and asked the judge to determine his sentence.

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorneys Lee Sorrells and Jessica Theriot prosecuted the case.

DA Investigators Esther Goodwin, Benjamin Lopez, and Jose Fonseca worked on the case as well. Thanks to the River Oaks Police Department for their work on this case and for their commitment to keeping our community safe.

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