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For Immediate Release: Dallas Man Sentenced to 169 Years for Continuous Sexual Abuse and Aggravated Sexual Assault of his Stepdaughters

(Dallas, Texas) – Thirty-eight-year-old Jimmy Earl Shelly of Dallas received 169 years in prison for the Continuous Sexual Abuse of a child under 14 and Aggravated Sexual Assault of his two stepdaughters. Shelly confessed to the crimes after a lengthy investigation.

Shelly admitted to sexually abusing the oldest child beginning when she was just six years old. The abuse lasted for six years. During that time, Shelly also began sexually assaulting his youngest stepdaughter from the ages of 10-13 years old.

The details of the case were extremely difficult for jurors to hear including that Shelly engaged in particularly deviant behavior against the children, including threesomes. He also sexually assaulted his oldest stepdaughter while his wife was at the hospital giving birth to his child. Jurors wasted no time in finding him guilty on both charges.

The defense decided to go to court for sentencing and the judge sentenced Shelly to 99 years on the Continuous Sexual Abuse charge and 70 years on the Aggravated Sexual Assault charge. The sentences of 99 and 70 years will run consecutively for the total of 169 years. "The heinousness of these acts perpetrated against these young, innocent children helped to secure Shelly's sentence of 169 years in prison," said Prosecutor Keena Miller. "Shelly will never be able to harm another child," Miller added.

Shelly also had a history of domestic violence against his wife and other women. During the course of the investigation, five additional women came forward with allegations of sexual abuse by Shelly. Each woman said the incidents occurred when they were children.