

# **Kingfisher County Jury Recommends 11 Life Sentences for Man Convicted of Child Sex Abuse and Sexual Assault**

**Friday, November 6, 2015** - Yesterday, a Kingfisher County jury convicted Donald Jackson Fowler of raping and molesting his daughter and step daughter. The jury recommended Fowler receive 11 life sentences.

Fowler was charged in June of 2014 and January of 2015 with a total of 11 counts: four counts of lewd molestation, five counts of first degree rape, one count of rape by instrumentation, and one count of forcible oral sodomy. This abuse occurred over a 10 year period when the victims were between 8 and 19 years of age.

A jury trial began on Monday and concluded yesterday after the jurors deliberated for approximately 2 ½ hours and found Fowler guilty on all 11 counts and recommended a life sentence for each count. Fowler had prior felony convictions for manslaughter and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Under Oklahoma law, a life sentence is 45 years. Because of the nature and seriousness of the charges, Fowler will be required to serve at least 85% of his sentences before he can be considered for parole.

Fowler is set to be formally sentenced by Kingfisher County Associate District Judge Robert Davis on December 17, 2015.

The prosecutor in the case, Kingfisher County Assistant District Attorney Eric Epplin, said, “I commend the victims in this case for coming forward and local law enforcement for conducting a thorough investigation. The jury should also be commended for diligently considering all of the evidence in rendering their verdict.”

District Attorney Mike Fields said, “Sexual assault leaves scars that last a lifetime. The jury’s verdict in this case reflects this reality and should ensure that Mr. Fowler is never again free to hurt a child. Justice was served.

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