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### **PRESS RELEASE**

On April 25<sup>th</sup> of 2025 a Rusk County jury convicted a Longview man, David Roy Mundt, age 62 of two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child for a 1992 crime where a seven-year-old child was taken from her bed and sexually assaulted in her back yard. The DPS Laboratory in Garland was able to isolate spermatozoa from the rape kit and obtain a DNA profile. Later the jury assessed punishment at Life in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Judge Parrish presiding by assignment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court ordered the sentences to be served consecutively, that is to say stacked.

The jury also heard evidence from a 1986 case where a three-year-old was taken from her crib and sexually assaulted in Phoenix Arizona. A DNA profile was obtained from the Arizona victim's panties. Additionally, the jury heard evidence from a third victim within the defendant's family.

The State was represented by DA Micheal E. Jimerson, Chief Prosecutor Alan Ross and ADA Tiffany Conner.

Under the auspices of the Rusk County and District Attorney's Office many agencies, entities, lab workers, investigator, patrol officers, and counselors contributed to this interstate investigation and should be acknowledged. Further this District Attorney's Office extends our gratitude to these individuals:

The jurors of Rusk County for their attention to difficult testimony. The citizens of Rusk County for shouldering the cost of travel for some witnesses. The courageous victims of these horrendous crimes, now successful adults. Henderson Police Department for their diligent efforts spanning over three decades, specifically former Detective Dolly Pirtle, Former Chief James Pierson, and current DA investigator Craig Sweeney. Both current and retired Forensic DNA Scientist from the Texas Department of Public Safety Laboratory in Garland Texas who testified or worked on the case. A number of Forensic DNA Scientist from the City of Phoenix, Arizona Police Laboratory who contributed to the investigation. Cold Case Investigator Javier Quezada from the City of Phoenix Police Department for his determination. The Texas Ranger Service; specifically, Ranger Jason Shae and Ranger Brian Hemati. Gregg County Sheriff Maxie Cerliano and his jail staff. Rusk County Sheriff Johnwayne Valdez as well as his jail administrator and evidence officer. Rusk County Veterans and their Officer Leo Gonzales for assisting in transportation. Victim's Coordinator Bruce Bailey and DA Investigator Craig Sweeney for overseeing the logistics of air flights and hotels. Counselors from the Rusk-Panola CAC for sitting with the victims.

"This case involved recent DNA advancements that permit us to unmask the monsters and serial child rapist hiding among us." --Micheal E. Jimerson, County and District Attorney Rusk County, Texas