



**Press Release**  
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On Friday, March 6, 2015, District Judge Brian Gary of the 397<sup>th</sup> District Court sentenced Randy Potter, 48, of Denison, to 24 years in prison for two counts of Indecency with a Child. Potter had previously entered a guilty plea agreement in the cases after reaching a plea agreement with the Grayson County District Attorney's Office, wherein his punishment range would be set at a minimum of 5 years with a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison. The parties agreed to allow Judge Gary to determine the punishment inside of the agreed upon sentencing range.

In November of 2013, a six year old girl made an outcry to her mother that Potter, a family member, had engaged in sexual contact with her on numerous occasions over a period of six months. The girl would regularly spend weekends at Potter's residence with her sibling and other children in her extended family.

The girl's mother contacted the Denison Police Department and Detective Chris Nordhoff responded to investigate. The child was interviewed at the Grayson County Children's Advocacy Center, and Nordhoff spoke to several of Potter's family members who told him that Potter had confessed to family members about the contact.

Potter originally faced a maximum of 20 years in the prison on each charge. In exchange for his guilty plea, the state agreed to limit the total amount of prison time for both offenses to 30 years. Judge Gary sentenced Potter to 12 years on each charge, but ordered that the sentences should run consecutively.

Potter was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Donnie Carter and Jeremy Wood. Sherman attorney Micah Belden represented Potter.