

1/15/2020: MOPS SPECIAL PROSECUTORS SUCCESSFUL IN PROSECUTION OF MAN FOR THE CRIMES OF CHILD MOLESTATION AND INCEST...

Warsaw - On January 8th, on the third day of trial, a Benton County jury found Cory A. Davison, age 37, guilty of sexual offenses involving a four-year-old child. The jury, after deliberating less than an hour and forty-five minutes, found Davison guilty on two counts of the class A felony of first-degree child molestation and one count of the class E felony of incest.

The crimes occurred in Bolivar, Missouri, between the dates of May 1, 2017, and January 11, 2018. The Bolivar Police Department and Children's Division of the Missouri Division of Family Services handled the investigation. Erin Lueker and Darrell Moore, with the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, served as special prosecutors since the Polk County Prosecuting Attorney was recused due to a conflict.

The case was tried on change of venue from Polk County to Benton County. Judge James A. Hackett presided over the case. Sentencing is set for March 13, 2020, at 11 a.m. in Warsaw.

The possible sentences on each of the child molestation in the first-degree charges are sentences of imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years of not less than ten (10) and not to exceed thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment. The range of punishment for incest is imprisonment in the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years of not less than two (2) years and not to exceed four (4) years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one year, or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both imprisonment and a fine.