

Jeffersonville man receives 30-year sentence in child molesting case

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Victim's father speaks out about abuse

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JEFFERSONVILLE — A 26-year-old Jeffersonville man was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison and 10 years of probation for molesting five girls his mother was baby-sitting.

Brandon Nevils pleaded guilty last month to child molesting — one count as a class A felony and four counts as class B felonies.

“Since this first happened, all I had was bitterness and hatred because something was taken from my daughter and the other girls,” the father of one of the victims testified at the hearing.

He said the girls were heroes and said he was proud of them for their courage.

According to court records, Nevils would wake the girls up in the morning or during their naps in the afternoon as his mother baby-sat them at their home on Indianola Street in Sellersburg. He would then take them into the bathroom and touch them inappropriately, and he was also accused of taking nude pictures of at least one of the girls.

The incidents took place between 1998 and 2006. Nevils initially was charged as a juvenile because he was 14 when the abuse began, although he was later waived into court as an adult.

Clark County Superior Court No. 1 Judge Vicki Carmichael accepted the plea agreement and sentence. He will be required to register as a sex offender for life. Nevils' attorney, Brian Butler, said Nevils will serve a maximum of nine actual years in jail and one year in the Michael L. Becher Adult Corrections Complex on the work release program.

“When there's multiple cases and you're potentially looking at hundreds of years, this gives him an opportunity to get out and live his life,” Butler said.

Butler asked that the 13 months Nevils has spent on home incarceration while awaiting trial be credited toward his time served because he had no violations. Clark County Deputy Prosecutor Brittany Blau argued that was not part of the plea agreement, and he should not receive any credit since he was not in jail.

Carmichael took that matter under advisement.

Blau previously said the victims signed off on the agreement and that she thought it was a fair resolution for a “heinous” crime.

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