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Former Quincy man guilty of raping child Sentenced to 10 top 12 years in prison

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Michael Brundige, 58, was found guilty of three counts of rape of a child and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under age 14 following a 4-day jury trial in Norfolk Superior Court that December 3.

"We requested a state prison sentence of 18 to 20 years with lifetime probation supervision should he live to be released," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said today. "Judge Susan Garsh imposed a sentence of 10 to 12 years in State Prison with 10 years of probation supervision following his release."

The jury delivered its verdict about 5 p.m. Monday night, Dec. 10, 2012, after deliberating all day and having deliberated for much of Thursday before being sent home for the weekend, according to Morrissey.

These convictions were for assaults that occurred before the victim, who lived near the Brundige family, turned 10. They began in 2001 and spanned about three years, until Brundige moved to Hull. Indictments involving two other Norfolk County victims were withdrawn on the Dec. 3 trial date when those victims declined to participate in the prosecution. "We understand and respect the decisions of those victims," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Victims of sexual violence deal with that trauma individually and differently, and it is important to respect that."

"It is also important to recognize the courage and perseverance of the young woman who did find a way to assist this prosecution, to submit to testifying and being cross examined, and to speaking about these assaults in the public setting of a courtroom," District Attorney Morrissey said. "She pushed through the obvious difficulty and provided the foundation for this trial. The jury heard her voice and now a repeat child rapist is going to prison for a long time."

Morrissey thanked the Quincy Police, including detective Paul Pieper, Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty and Victim/Witness Advocate Kristen Collins for their work in the investigation and prosecution of the case. "With the passage of time and lack of physical evidence, this was not an easy case, but their work and preparation brought a just result."

Please note that any questions relative to the sexual assault charges against Brundige in Plymouth County should be directed to the office of District Attorney Cruz.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.