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SHISSLER FOUND GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

A 74-year-old man accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting young boys has been convicted by a Denver jury today.

Donald Shissler (dob: 05-07-33) was found guilty on six counts of *sexual assault on a child* (F4), six counts of *sexual assault on a child – position of trust* (F3), two counts of *sexual assault on a child – pattern of abuse* (F3), and one count of *sexual exploitation of a child* (F3). The counts reflect the sexual assault of three different victims.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Kerri Lombardi and Deputy DA Christine Washburn were the prosecutors on the week-long trial. After hearing closing arguments, the jury took less than three hours of deliberation to find Shissler guilty on all counts. The verdict comes five years after a 2002 guilty plea by Shissler was overturned.

The three young victims in the case were assaulted sexually repeatedly between 1997 and 2002. One of the victims was only 6-years-old when Shissler first assaulted him.

Sentencing will be held in courtroom 11 this coming Monday, July 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.