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ELDERLY PEDOPHILE SENTENCED TO 210 YEARS IN PRISON

A 74-year-old man found guilty last week of sexually assaulting children appeared in Denver District Court for sentencing today.

Donald Shissler (dob: 05-07-33) was sentenced to 210 years in prison.

In arguing for a lengthy sentence, Chief Deputy DA Kerri Lombardi and Deputy District Attorney Christine Washburn asked for a maximum sentence that would give the victims a sense of justice and ensure that Shissler never assaults another child.

District Court Judge Martin Egelhoff called the victims heroes for coming forward, enduring a lengthy criminal justice process and having the courage to testify in court about the abuse they suffered. He called it a tragedy that Shissler still did not think he had done anything wrong and said this was the worst, most prolific and aggravated case of sexual assault on children he'd ever seen.