

Former FBI agent sentenced in sexual assault

09:07 AM CST on Friday, February 13, 2004

By KARIN KELLY / WFAA-TV

Retired FBI agent John Conditt Jr. admitted he sexually assaulted his 6-year-old stepdaughter while in a bed. On the stand, the 27-year FBI veteran wept while telling the judge, "She's going to need help throughout her life and it's all my fault."

Conditt said that he's been attracted to other children over the years and has abused others.

Conditt pleaded guilty after he was indicted last year so the judge moved straight to sentencing. On the stand, Conditt said he voluntarily sought treatment for his perversion.

"He's a typical child molester and a prior law enforcement officer should be held to a higher standard because he definitely knows the difference between right and wrong," said Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Mitch Poe.

Conditt's attorney, Toby Goldsmith said, "First, he was trying to blame everybody but now he admits that it's all his doings and fault."

Conditt's wife asked the judge for leniency for her husband. She hopes to remain married even though he molested her daughter. Conditt also had support outside the courthouse. Some members of a Colleyville church tried to shield him outside the courtroom. But inside, they could not and the judge sentenced the former agent to 12 years in prison.

"The message is sent out to people that you don't get an extra deal if you are a law officer or FBI. It doesn't matter," Poe said. "If you hurt children in our community, we are going to press forward and try to send you for prison for it."