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Man sentenced to 689 years for Sexual Abuse of a Minor and Coercion

On 11-08-13, a 23year old female from Alaska and her 22 year old sister who was living in Idaho both reported that their stepfather, Anthony Gilliam (age52 of Idaho) had sexually abused them. The abuse started in 2003 and lasted until 2009. The abuse took place while they were all living in Alaska and later while they were living in Idaho. The Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Mat-Su Child Abuse Investigation Unit initiated an investigation into the incidents. Idaho law enforcement agencies, the Ashton Police Department and the Freemont County Sheriff's Department assisted ABI investigators with interviews and with several search warrants that were served on Mr. Gilliam and his Idaho residence. On 5-16-14 the Palmer Superior Court issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Gilliam for 22 counts of Sexual Abuse of a Minor in the first degree and 3 counts of Coercion. Bail was set at \$500,000.00. Mr. Gilliam was arrested in Idaho and extradited back to Alaska.

On 9-28-15 after a weeklong trial, a Palmer jury found Mr. Gilliam guilty on all 25 counts. On 02-24-2016 Palmer Superior Court Judge Heath sentenced Anthony Gilliam (age 55) on 22 counts of SAM 1st and 3 counts of Coercion. The judge sentenced Gilliam to 689 years, but with the sentencing guidelines on consecutive time, Gilliam ended up with 248 years to serve. Judge Heath suspended and additional 30 years and Gilliam ultimately ended up with 218 years to serve.

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