

Jury finds former Orange Beach cop guilty in child sex abuse case

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2014 Cop Pedophile Timothy Gavin

A Baldwin County jury of 12 has found former Orange Beach Police Officer Timothy Gavin guilty on six counts, including three charges of child sex abuse.

Gavin was arrested in August of 2014 on charges of possession of child pornography and sexual abuse of a child less than 12.

The jury began hearing testimony on Monday from the victims, some of whom are now adults, as well as the victims' family members. Testimony concluded on Tuesday with Gavin taking the stand in his own defense. He was the only witness called by the defense.

The jury deliberated for four hours before returning the guilty verdict of guilty of two counts of sex abuse of a child less than 12, one count of sex abuse second degree, one count of enticing a child and two counts of possession of pornographic material of a child under 17.

There were two questions by the jurors. First regarded the definition of what it meant to knowingly possess pornographic material and the second was a bit more dramatic. Jurors told Judge Floyd they'd reached a verdict on four of the charges, but were stuck on the final two.

The judge gave them what's called a dynamite charge, which essentially tells the jurors that another jury would not likely come to a different decision given the same evidence and asked them to try to work through their differences to come up with a verdict. After another 30 minutes, they did just that.

The defense declined to comment after the verdict, but prosecutors said justice was finally served.

All six victims in this case were already known to Gavin at the time of the crimes. Judge Floyd set the sentencing for June 16th. If given the maximum sentence on all charges, Gavin could face up to 71 years behind bars.

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