

# Raynham Man Who Molested Young Girl Receives Maximum Jail Sentence

A 39-year-old Raynham man was given the maximum jail sentence allowable earlier this month after being convicted at trial in Taunton District Court of molesting his girlfriend's six-year-old daughter, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today.

Damion Paxton was convicted by a jury of his peers of indecent assault and battery of a child under 14, enticing a child under 16, and assault and battery. After his conviction, Judge Michael Brennan sentenced the defendant to the maximum two-and-a-half year in the house of corrections and placed him on supervised GPS-monitored probation for an additional five years after his release from jail.

The case dates back to 2013, when the victim was just six-years-old and living in Raynham. The defendant, who lived with them for about two month months, would coax the victim into his bedroom by letting her play a videogame. He would make her sit on his lap while playing. She testified at trial that the defendant did not play with her, but rather was looking at her and watching her while she playing. While on his lap, he would rub her lower back under her shirt, going down to her waistband area. He also reached over and touched her vaginal area over top of her clothes. She testified that he would also reach over and touch her chest area, near the neck line of her shirt, but would not go inside her shirt. She said these incidences would happen mostly with the door closed and that they would stop when her mother or sister would come into the area.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan

Burns.

"This defendant took advantage of his temporary living arrangement to abuse an innocent six year old girl. His conduct is despicable and I am pleased judge Brennan imposed the maximum sentence for this career criminal," District Attorney Quinn said. "I commend the victim for testifying under very difficult circumstances."