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Duluth man sentenced to 30 years in prison for sex assaults

A Duluth man who sexually assaulted a pre-teen girl was sentenced Tuesday to 30 years in prison.

Arne Henry Mahlberg, 54, was found guilty in December of four counts of criminal sexual conduct after a court trial conducted by 6th Judicial District Judge Theresa Neo, who sentenced the defendant Tuesday in State District Court.

Mahlberg was convicted of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct in a case prosecuted by Assistant St. Louis County Attorney Nathaniel Stumme.

The girl provided an interviewer at First Witness Child Advocacy Center in Duluth an account of what Mahlberg had done to her. The victim also testified before the judge in court.

According to a victim impact statement read aloud in court, the child has wondered why this happened to her and whether or not she was to blame. Stumme was pleased with the sentence and hopes it will be a sign to this child victim and others that this was not her fault and she was right to report it.

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