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**Steve Allen Pierce Sentenced to 64 Years to Life for Sexual Assault on a Child**

Steve Allen Pierce (DOB 01/26/78) was sentenced to 64 years to life in prison Friday for sexual assault on a 9-year-old girl.

Pierce was convicted of four counts of sexual assault in February 2014, including sexual assault by a person in a position of trust (F3), child abuse causing serious bodily injury (F3), aggravated sexual assault on a child by use of threats (F3) and sexual assault on a child (F4). The assault took place May 26, 2013 in Thornton.

Pierce was sentenced as a habitual offender. He has five previous felony convictions for theft, attempted theft and criminal trespass.

Adams County District Judge Katherine Delgado told Pierce that she was “horrified” to hear the evidence presented at his trial and that jurors were deeply disturbed and affected by the case. She said she would have declared Pierce a sexually violent predator but lacked the necessary risk assessment to be able to make that determination at this point. Regardless, Delgado said, her sentence will ensure that he never will be released from prison.

“This man is truly a monster who preyed upon a young girl who couldn’t protect herself,” said Chief District Attorney Rhoda Pilmer. “No child should ever have to endure what this 9-year-old girl did. We are thankful to the jury for its verdict and for this sentence that will keep this man locked up as long as possible. He does not deserve to see the light of day again.”

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