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Sex Offender Sentenced to 40 Years in Prison

GALVESTON – A Galveston County jury has sentenced a repeat offender to 40 years in prison for failing to register as a sex offender.

Thomas Lee Alexander, III is required to register with local law enforcement because of a 1995 conviction for sexually assaulting a 15 year old boy in Harris County. In 2017, Alexander moved from Galveston to Indiana without notifying local authorities. In 2019, the Galveston Police Department learned that Alexander was in jail in Indiana and the Galveston County Criminal District Attorney's Office began extradition proceedings.

Alexander was indicted for failing to register as a sex offender with two previous felony convictions. At trial, prosecutors showed that Alexander has three prior convictions for failing to register, two in Harris County and one in Arizona. Galveston Police Detective Richard Percy explained to the jury how he traced Alexander's movements.

Assistant Criminal District Attorney Quinten McConico told the jury that Alexander "is someone who has no interest in following the rules." After a two day trial, the jury found Alexander guilty.

Due to his previous convictions, Alexander's punishment range was 25 years to life in prison. The jury sentenced him to 40 years in prison. McConico stated, "Our community is safer with Mr. Alexander locked up in TDCJ and the jury did the right thing in sending him off for 40 years." Alexander will be eligible for parole in 10 years, or less with credit for good time served.

The Galveston County Criminal District Attorney commends the work of Galveston Police Detective Richard Percy. Assistant D.A. Clayton Hearrell assisted in the prosecution.

Cause No. 19-CR-2458, 10th Judicial District Court, Judge Kerry Neves presiding.