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For Immediate Release: Former University Park Tennis Instructor Sentenced Following Indecency with a Child Guilty Verdict

(**Dallas, Texas**) – A 43-year old man was sentenced last week after being found guilty of two counts of Indecency with a Child by Contact. Stoyan Anastassov received 9 years on one case, and 3 years on the other case plus a \$10,000 fine on each case. Upon his release from prison, he will register as a Sex Offender for Life.

The victim said that Anastassov, who was her former tennis coach, had molested her at her home in 2011 when she was only 13-years-old. He had just been hired as a tennis coach at Greenhill School in Addison, where the victim was a student, and that prompted her to report the sexual abuse. Prosecutor Brandie Wade said, "The victim kept the abuse a secret for years, but decided to come forward because she didn't want any other students to become victims."

Anastassov was working as a tennis instructor in University Park when he was arrested in 2015 after the victim reached out to authorities. Two additional women Anastassov coached as teens testified that he had also sexually abused them.

Wade told jurors, "Anastassov doesn't hold sacred the relationship between a coach and a student. He abused that trust."

Anastassov taught students at the Episcopal School of Dallas, as well as in Colleyville, and Highland Park.