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(Nashville, TN)-A man convicted of raping a six-year-old Nashville girl has been sentenced to more than 20 years in prison for a crime that underscored the importance of parents communicating with their children. Brandon Clymer, 31, was sentenced on February 17, 2016 to twenty-six (26) years in prison after a Davidson County jury found him guilty of Rape of a Child. Assistant District Attorney Chad Butler said the victim reported the crime to her mother as soon as it happened and was able to give a detailed description, which assisted in the prosecution. “Because the little girl’s mother talked to her at an early age about her body, inappropriate touching and abuse, she knew that the defendant’s actions were wrong and should be reported,” Butler said. As part of his sentence, Clymer will be on community supervision for life and will be listed on the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry.

“This case serves as a reminder to parents to talk to their children about sexual abuse and assure them it is okay to report it, Butler said.” According to the Nashville Sexual Assault Center, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys is sexually abused before his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and most victims know their perpetrator. Clymer had been considered a family friend.

For information on preventing child sexual abuse visit: [www.sacenter.org/home](http://www.sacenter.org/home) or call the 24 hour crisis and support line at 1-800-879-1999.



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