

Child Molester Gets Life Without Parole

By Sarah Gilbert

An Ozark man was sentenced to life without parole Monday after he was convicted in September of first degree sodomy of an eight-year-old girl.

Daniel J. Fabris, 45, of Grimes Road was sentenced by Circuit Judge Ben McLauchlin during a sentencing hearing in Dale County court.

District Attorney Kirke Adams said there were only two sentences McLauchlin could have given Fabris, life in prison or life without pos-

sibility of parole.

Fabris and his wife were babysitting the girl and her brother in early 2004, Adams said, and Fabris would molest the girl while his wife was out running errands.

"When he was arrested he was on parole for two life sentences he received in 1987 for some burglary charges," Addams said.

Fabris also had been convicted of a sexual crime, carnal knowledge rape, and received a two-year sentence in 1979.

"We must protect our children from these monsters," Adams said. "If he gets a life sentence, he's going to get out. What's he going to do next?"

Adams also credited the girl for her bravery in testifying against her attacker.

"He's off the streets forever because of one brave little girl," Adams said. "She testified with him staring her straight in the eye. Our community is safer because we have one less sexual predator."