

NEW BOSTON, Texas — A Bowie County jury has found a Texarkana pastor guilty of 16 counts of felony child abuse involving three different victims.

The punishment phase of trial for Logan Wesley III, 56, is currently ongoing at the New Boston High School auditorium which is being used to accommodate social distancing needs. In addition to the three women Wesley was convicted of repeatedly violating, the jury also heard from two other women who allege they too were sexually abused by Logan.

One of them, now 43, testified that Wesley was 16 to 18 years old and she was about 4 when the abuse began. The woman said she thinks of Logan as "the nightcrawler" because of the way he used to sneak into her space as she slept at night.

Wesley was originally charged with 18 counts but the state abandoned two of them before the end of the guilt or innocence phase. Wesley is convicted of five counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, 10 counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Each of the aggravated charges are punishable by five to 99 years or life in prison. The remaining 12 counts are each punishable by two to 20 years in prison.