

Man convicted of sexually assaulting three young children



A man has been convicted of sexually assaulting three young children in Edinburgh over a number of years.

Thirty-seven-year-old Stuart Young had denied carrying out the abuse but was found guilty by a jury at the High Court in Edinburgh.

Young repeatedly raped one girl when she was a toddler, but was arrested and charged in January 2014 after she disclosed what had happened to her, a second girl and a baby boy.

Young has been remanded in custody to be sentenced on May 28.

Detective Inspector Douglas Moran said: "Thanks to the bravery of these two little girls in speaking up about the horrific abuse Young inflicted upon them, their physical ordeal is over and their tormentor is now facing a considerable prison sentence. The baby boy was given a voice so he too could be spared further suffering.

"However they, and their families, have had to live through Young's catalogue of offending again since he refused to accept responsibility for his actions and subjected them to a trial.

"Specialist support continues to be provided to the children and their families, and I hope they take comfort that he is now behind bars.

"No-one should live in fear at the hands of an abuser. We work tirelessly with our partners in local authorities, healthcare,

education and in the community to give people the confidence to report abuse and speak up when they see the signs, and we will take swift action to put offenders before the courts.”