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Former State Public Defender Sentenced in Child Sex Assault Case

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – On Thursday, May 28, 2026, an El Paso County District Court Judge sentenced former Colorado State Public Defender Thomas Cushing to ten years to life in the Department of Corrections, followed by 20 years to life on parole.

In March, a jury found Cushing guilty of Sex Assault on a Child-Pattern of Abuse; CRS 18-3-405(1),(2)(d), a Class Three Felony.

“This case centered on the minor victim and the lasting impact these events have had on their life,” said District Attorney Michael J. Allen. “Today’s sentence reflects the seriousness of the defendant’s heinous crimes, and sends a clear message – if you commit a crime like this in our community, you will be held accountable, and you should expect to be sent to prison for a very long time.”

Senior Deputy District Attorney Shelby Crow and Deputy District Attorney Isaiah Rose led the prosecution efforts against Cushing on behalf of the People of the State of Colorado, which began after the victim’s father was alerted to the crimes committed and reported critical information to the Colorado Springs Police Department.

Cushing will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Note to the Media: All updates will only come from Communications when available.
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