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Rapist draws 190-year sentence

Richard E. Turner was convicted of abducting and raping a 13-year-old during a spree of burglaries.

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MUNCIE — A convicted rapist exchanged angry words with a supporter of his teenage victim at a Thursday sentencing

hearing. Richard Edwin Turner, 26, was convicted last month of abducting and sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl during a spree of house burglaries near her south-eastside home.

Turner on Thursday was sentenced to 190 years in prison by Delaware Circuit Court 5 Judge John Feick, who said the defendant "took a little girl's life and turned it into a nightmare."

Earlier in the hearing, Turner took exception to comments made by the fiancé of the vic-

tim's mother. Invited to address comments directly to the defendant by Deputy Prosecutor Joe Orick, the man first told Turner he wished he had an opportunity to personally administer justice, "just you and I."

The man then laughed after telling Turner he hoped he was subjected to sexual assaults in prison.

Turner, with his hands shackled to his waist, rose to his feet and responded, "First of all, you don't want any part of me."

Deputies rushed to the defense table and surrounded Turner. As the defendant continued to try to respond, Orick shouted, "Gag him!"

"This is not a zoo," Judge Feick told participants in the hearing. "We're not going to act up and threaten people."

Later in the hearing, a more sedate Turner apologized to his



Turner

victim's family. "I'm sorry for what I did," he said. "I have not got any excuse for my actions. ... I'm sorry, everybody."

The victim's father had told Feick that as a result of the attack, "my daughter has gone from a happy-go-lucky teenager to being scared of her shadow."

The girl's mother said her daughter was continuing to suffer on a daily basis as a result of Turner's crimes.

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Former Indiana Gov. Robert Orr, was remembered as a state leader who helped guide the state out of the recession of the '80s.

Former governor recalled as leader, reformer

Robert D. Orr, 86, died Wednesday night in an Indianapolis hospital.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Robert D. Orr was remembered Thursday as a gentleman governor who led Indiana to education reform and economic revival after the 1980s recession, and never lost his passion for public service or politics.

"He thought the state needed a great leap forward in education, and pressed us to confront the challenge of a globalizing economy," said Indiana Chief Justice Randall Shepard, an appointee and longtime friend of Orr's. "It's hard to imagine where Indiana would be today if he hadn't spurred the state into action on both fronts."

Orr died Wednesday night at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, said Mark Lubbers, a former press secretary and top aide to the former Republican governor. Orr was 86.

Orr had been admitted to the hospital earlier in the day and was being treated for an apparent blockage in his kidney, but his condition worsened, Lubbers said. The cause of death was believed to be heart arrhythmia, he said.

Service arrangements were pending Thursday.

Orr spent 16 years in the state's top two offices, with two terms as lieutenant governor beginning in 1973 and then as governor from 1981 to 1989. He was barred from a third term.

"Being governor is the best elective office you can have in this country," Orr said in 1995, six years after leaving office. "It's better than being president. When you're governor, you don't become a prisoner of the job. You can do the work and still have a life."

After leaving office in 1989, he was named U.S. ambassador to Singapore.

He later returned to Indiana, and even as he became frail, remained an avid supporter of the GOP who loved to attend big political events, including State of the State speeches given by the Democratic governors who followed him.

Orr built his political name as a state senator from Evansville and then as lieutenant governor under Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen.

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Hundreds die in attack

Al-Qaida might be behind the blasts in Spain

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MADRID, Spain — A series of bombs hidden in backpacks exploded in quick succession Thursday, blowing apart four commuter trains and killing at least 192 people and wounding 1,200. Spain blamed Basque separatists but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spain's history.

Panicked commuters trampled on each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after two of the bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cell phones rang unanswered on the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history of infamy," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said.

The bombing came three days ahead of Spain's general election on Sunday. A major campaign issue was how to deal with ETA, the Basque militant group.

Campaigning for the election was called off and three days of mourning were declared.



RESCUE WORKERS REMOVE a victim from a train at Atocha station after explosions rocked three stations in Madrid on Thursday, just three days before Spain's general elections. Panicked commuters trampled each other after the blasts.

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Taylor students unhurt

STAFF REPORT

UPLAND — Fifteen Taylor University students visiting Spain have been accounted for after terrorist bombings that left nearly 200 dead and more than 1,400 wounded in the country's capital of Madrid.

Ten students from Taylor's Irish Studies program were vacationing in Madrid on spring break at the time of the explosions. Five others were living in the area of Seville, Spain, as part of a university-partnered program called Semester in Spain. All have contacted Taylor University officials to report their whereabouts.

"We certainly are relieved to hear our students are safe, but our hearts and prayers are with the people of Madrid," said Deborah Kim, coordinator of off-campus programs at Taylor.

The Irish Studies students expect to return to Dublin on Monday. The semester in Spain will conclude May 20. Kim said there were no plans for an early return of the students to the United States.

Police believe shooting suspect has left town

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MUNCIE — City police said Thursday they believed a third suspect in this week's slaying of a Ball State University student had left town.

For the past four days, police have interviewed family members, searched homes and chased down about 30 leads in

their hunt for Damien Blaine Sanders.

The 22-year-old Muncie man has been implicated by two other alleged participants in the slaying as having fired a single gunshot into the head of 20-year-old Karl T. Harford of Carmel.

Authorities said Harford met Sanders — along with 18-year-old Brandon Patterson and a 14-

year-old youth whose name has not been released — at a party near the BSU campus early Sunday, and was later robbed and fatally shot after driving the trio back to their neighborhood. Harford's body was found



Sanders

Sunday afternoon in his car, which had been abandoned in an alley in the 1900 block of East Hines Street.

Police are asking anyone with information on Sanders's whereabouts to call (765) 747-4867.

Muncie Deputy Police Chief Terry Winters said that in days to come, investigators would expand their search for Sanders to the rest of the nation.

Winters said his office has been in contact with federal authorities, who told him that they had as many as 30 deputies ready to assist. Winters said detectives were also trying to get information on the crime broadcast on the Fox-TV program *America's Most Wanted*.

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