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## FBI ex-boss admits assaulting 6-year-old girl

**#1** WASHINGTON — The former chief internal watchdog at the FBI has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a 6-year-old girl and has admitted he had a history of molesting other children before he joined the bureau for what became a two-decade career.

**#2** John H. Condit Jr., 53, was sentenced last week to 12 years in prison in Fort Worth, Texas, after he admitted he molested the daughter of two FBI agents after he retired.

**#3** He acknowledged molesting at least two other girls before he began his law enforcement career, his lawyer said.

**#4** Condit headed the internal affairs unit that investigates agent wrongdoing for the Office of Professional Responsibility at FBI headquarters in Washington from 1999 until his retirement in June 2001, the FBI said. He wrote articles in law enforcement journals on how police agencies could effectively investigate their own conduct.

FBI officials said Tuesday they had no information to suggest that Condit had any problems during his career and he was never the subject of an investigation.

**#6** Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Mitch Poe, who prosecuted the case, said he wanted a longer prison sentence and was skeptical of Condit's claim that his molestation of children subsided during his FBI career.

A recently retired FBI whistleblower who brought allegations to Condit's office that agents had not aggressively pursued evidence of sexual abuse in Indian country said Tuesday she now questions whether his personal history affected that decision.

"Before, it never made any sense," retired agent Jane Turner said of the FBI's decision to decline to further investigate her allegations. "Now I can understand. Why in the world wouldn't you want to investigate that?"

**#9** Attorney Toby Goldsmith said he was concerned about the safety of his client in prison. "He's not going to be comfortable in the penitentiary," the lawyer said.