

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Ivan Lopez-Lopez v. The State of Texas

No. 01-24-00408-CR (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Mar. 31, 2026) · No. 01-24-00408-CR · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals for the First District affirmed Ivan Lopez-Lopez’s conviction for continuous sexual abuse of a child and forty-year sentence. The court held that the complainant’s testimony, viewed in the light most favorable to the verdict, was sufficient to support the conviction and declined to revisit the jury’s credibility determinations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Clint Morgan; Justice Gunn; Justice Caughey; Justice Morgan
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
DECIDED	March 31, 2026
DOCKET	01-24-00408-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from a jury conviction for continuous sexual abuse of a child and a forty-year sentence, challenging the sufficiency of the evidence.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The evidence is viewed in the light most favorable to the verdict, and the reviewing court determines only whether any rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt. The reviewing court may not reevaluate witness credibility, reweigh the evidence, act as a thirteenth juror, or substitute its judgment for the jury's resolution of conflicting evidence.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum opinion; marked Do Not Publish.
PARTIES	Ivan Lopez-Lopez v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- evidence
- criminal procedure
- standard of review
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the evidence was legally sufficient to support Lopez-Lopez's conviction for continuous sexual abuse of a child when the appellant challenged the complainant's credibility and the differing levels of detail in her disclosures.

HOLDINGS

1. The evidence was legally sufficient because the complainant testified that, while Lopez-Lopez was over seventeen, he committed multiple acts of sexual abuse against her while she was under fourteen during a period exceeding thirty days.
2. The complainant's testimony was not rendered legally insufficient by differing levels of disclosure or by the quantity of abuse described; credibility and the weight of the testimony were matters for the jury.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"We may not reevaluate the weight and credibility of the evidence." (at 2)

"The jury is the sole judge of witness credibility and the weight to be given testimony." (at 2)

"We decline the appellant's invitation to revisit the jury's credibility determinations." (at 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complainant testified that Lopez-Lopez began sexually abusing her when she was eleven years old, including an incident involving sexual intercourse. She further testified that, beginning when she was twelve, he sexually abused her approximately twice a week for two or three years at the family's Fort Bend County trailer. Although she initially disclosed the abuse without details, she later provided a more complete account to her boyfriend and mother, who reported it to police.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A jury convicted Lopez-Lopez of continuous sexual abuse of a child and assessed punishment at forty years' confinement. He appealed to the First Court of Appeals, raising one point of error concerning the sufficiency of the evidence. The court overruled the point and affirmed the trial court's judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Brooks v. State, 323 S.W.3d 893, 899 (Tex. Crim. App. 2010)
- Williams v. State, 235 S.W.3d 742, 750 (Tex. Crim. App. 2007)
- Garcia v. State, 367 S.W.3d 683, 687 (Tex. Crim. App. 2012)

- Wishert v. State, 654 S.W.3d 317, 328 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2022, pet. ref'd)
- Fernandez v. State, No. 01-21-00541-CR, 2023 WL 3742350, at *7 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] June 1, 2023, no pet.) (mem. op., not designated for publication)
- Lopez v. State, No. 01-23-00948-CR, 2025 WL 1256452, at *2 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] May 1, 2025, pet. ref'd) (mem. op., not designated for publication)

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