

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT
AMARILLO

Logan Tyler Blanton v. the State of Texas

No. 07-25-00312-CR · No. No. 07-25-00312-CR · Decided April 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The Seventh District Court of Appeals of Texas at Amarillo affirmed Logan Tyler Blanton’s convictions and concurrent thirty-year sentences for two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. The court held that Blanton failed to preserve his challenges to the severity and proportionality of his sentences and noted that the sentences fell within the applicable statutory range.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Parker, C.J.; Doss, J.; Yarbrough, J.
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo
DECIDED	April 15, 2026
DOCKET	No. 07-25-00312-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from convictions and concurrent thirty-year sentences for two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Sentencing complaints are reviewed for preservation of error; a timely, specific objection or other appropriate request is required. A sentence within the statutory range is generally not subject to an excessiveness challenge.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Logan Tyler Blanton v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- sentencing
- preservation of error
- standard of review
- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- criminal procedure
- appellate practice

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the trial court failed to adequately consider Blanton's intellectual and psychological limitations in imposing sentence.
2. Whether the concurrent thirty-year sentences were inappropriate in light of Blanton's low risk of recidivism and compliance with bond conditions.
3. Whether the sentences were disproportionate to the offenses.
4. Whether Blanton preserved his sentencing-severity and disproportionality complaints for appellate review.

HOLDINGS

1. A defendant may not obtain appellate review of complaints concerning the severity or disproportionality of a sentence when the defendant failed to make a timely, specific objection or otherwise raise the complaint in the trial court; Blanton therefore failed to preserve these complaints.
2. Even if the sentencing complaints had been preserved, a sentence that falls within the applicable statutory range is generally not subject to an excessiveness challenge.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“To preserve error for appellate review, the complaining party must make a timely, specific objection.”

“We affirm the judgment of the trial court.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In March 2025, Blanton pleaded guilty to two first-degree felony aggravated-sexual-assault-of-a-child offenses. At the September 2025 sentencing hearing, the State introduced the presentence investigation report, and Blanton presented testimony from his community supervision officer. His counsel emphasized that he was assessed as a low-to-moderate risk to reoffend and had scored in the lower limits of the below-average range on an intellectual assessment. The trial court imposed concurrent thirty-year prison terms on the two counts.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Blanton pleaded guilty to two first-degree felony aggravated-sexual-assault charges in March 2025. After a September 2025 sentencing hearing, the 271st District Court of Jack County sentenced him to thirty years' imprisonment on each count, concurrently. He appealed, challenging the severity and alleged disproportionality of his sentences; the State filed no brief. The Court of Appeals affirmed, holding that the complaints were not preserved and that, alternatively, the sentences were within the statutory range.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Mercado v. State, 718 S.W.2d 291, 296 (Tex. Crim. App. 1986)
- Hull v. State, 67 S.W.3d 215, 217 (Tex. Crim. App. 2002)
- State v. Simpson, 488 S.W.3d 318, 323 (Tex. Crim. App. 2016)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

In The Court of Appeals Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo No. 07-25-00312-CR

LOGAN TYLER BLANTON, APPELLANT

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, APPELLEE

On Appeal from the 271st District Court Jack County, Texas 1 Trial Court No. 5124, Honorable Brock R. Smith, Presiding April 15, 2026

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before PARKER, C.J., and DOSS and YARBROUGH, JJ. Logan Tyler Blanton, Appellant, was convicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. 2 In this appeal, he raises three issues challenging his sentences. We affirm. 1 This cause was originally filed in the Second Court of Appeals. It was transferred to this Court by a docket-equalization order of the Supreme Court of Texas. See TEX. GOV'T CODE § 73.001. In the event of any conflict, we apply the transferor court's case law. TEX. R. APP. P. 41.3. 2 TEX. PENAL CODE § 22.021(a)(2)(B).

BACKGROUND

Because Appellant challenges only his sentences, we will limit our review to the facts relevant to that issue. In March of 2025, Appellant pleaded guilty to the charged offenses, which are first-degree felonies. The statutory range of punishment for a first-degree felony is confinement for not more than ninety-nine years or less than five years, or life. TEX. PENAL CODE § 12.32(a). The trial court may also assess a fine. Id. § 12.32(b). The hearing on sentencing was held in September of 2025. At the hearing, the State offered the presentence investigation report as evidence. Appellant presented testimony from his community supervision officer. Appellant's counsel highlighted the conclusions that Appellant presented a low/moderate risk to reoffend and that Appellant scored within the lower limits of the below average range in the intellectual assessment. The trial court sentenced Appellant to a thirty-year term of imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently. Appellant timely filed this appeal. The State did not file a brief.

ANALYSIS

Appellant raises three related issues on appeal. By his first issue, Appellant contends that the trial court failed to adequately consider his intellectual and psychological limitations during sentencing. By his second, he asserts that his sentences are inappropriate given evidence of his low risk of recidivism and his compliance with bond conditions. Lastly, Appellant claims that his sentences are disproportionate to his offenses. In sum, all of Appellant's arguments assert that the trial court

abused its discretion by sentencing him to thirty years' incarceration rather than a more lenient sentence. 2 As a general rule, an appellant may not assert error pertaining to the severity of his sentence or punishment where he did not object or otherwise raise such an error in the trial court. *Mercado v. State*, 718 S.W.2d 291, 296 (Tex. Crim. App. 1986). To preserve error for appellate review, the complaining party must make a timely, specific objection. *Hull v. State*, 67 S.W.3d 215, 217 (Tex. Crim. App. 2002); see TEX. R. APP. P. 33.1(a) (prerequisites for raising complaint for appellate review include timely request, objection, or motion, and trial court ruling on such request, objection, or motion). The record reflects that Appellant did not object to the alleged severity of his punishment or the alleged disproportionality of his sentences at trial, nor did he raise his complaints in a motion for new trial. Therefore, Appellant's complaints have not been preserved for review. Even if Appellant had preserved error, we note that nothing, other than Appellant's bare assertion, suggests that the trial judge did not consider the factors mentioned in Appellant's brief. Further, when a sentence falls within the statutory range of punishment, as it does here, it is generally not subject to challenge for excessiveness. *State v. Simpson*, 488 S.W.3d 318, 323 (Tex. Crim. App. 2016).

CONCLUSION

We affirm the judgment of the trial court. Judy C. Parker Chief Justice Do not publish. 3