

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Bradley Allen Everline v. the State of Texas

No. 01-25-00148-CR · No. 01-25-00148-CR · Decided May 12, 2026

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals for the First District held that the \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine was improperly included in Bradley Allen Everline’s written judgment because the fine was not orally pronounced at sentencing. The court modified the judgment to strike the fine and affirmed the judgment as modified.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Terry Adams, Chief Justice; Justice Guerra; Justice Guiney
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
DECIDED	May 12, 2026
DOCKET	01-25-00148-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Everline appealed his judgment of conviction for indecency with a child by sexual contact, challenging the inclusion of a \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine in the written judgment because the fine was not orally pronounced at sentencing.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The appellate court reviewed the written judgment and oral pronouncement of sentence under the rule that the oral pronouncement controls when it conflicts with the written judgment. It also exercised its authority to modify and reform the judgment when the necessary information was available.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential; the opinion is designated 'Do Not Publish' under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 47.2(b).
PARTIES	Bradley Allen Everline v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Child Abuse Prevention Fine was classified as a fine rather than a court cost because Everline was convicted after the effective date of the Cost Act.
2. Whether the \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine had to be orally pronounced at sentencing and should be stricken from the written judgment because it was not orally pronounced.
3. Whether the Court of Appeals had authority to modify the judgment to remove the improperly included fine.

HOLDINGS

1. Because Everline was convicted after the Cost Act's effective date, the Act's provisions reclassifying the Child Abuse Prevention Fee as a fine rather than a court cost applied to his case, even though he committed the offense before the effective date.
2. A fine is part of a defendant's sentence and must be orally pronounced in the defendant's presence. When the written judgment conflicts with the oral pronouncement, the oral pronouncement controls; therefore, the \$100 fine was improperly included in the written judgment because it was not orally pronounced.
3. The Court of Appeals may modify and reform a judgment when the necessary information is available, including by striking a fine that was improperly included in the written judgment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When there is a conflict between the oral pronouncement of sentence and the sentence in the written judgment, the oral pronouncement controls.” (at 2)

“Therefore, we hold that, because the trial court did not orally pronounce a fine as part of Everline’s sentence and the oral pronouncement controls over the judgment, the \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine was improperly included in the written judgment.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A jury convicted Bradley Allen Everline of indecency with a child by sexual contact. The offense was committed in 2018, before the January 1, 2020 effective date of the Cost Act, but Everline was convicted on February 7, 2025, after the Act's effective date. The trial court sentenced him to fifteen years in prison after finding one enhancement paragraph true and included a \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine in the written judgment, although the fine was not orally pronounced at sentencing.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A jury convicted Everline of indecency with a child by sexual contact. After finding one enhancement paragraph true, the 339th District Court of Harris County sentenced him to fifteen years in prison and included a \$100 Child Abuse Prevention Fine in the written judgment. Everline appealed, and the State agreed that the fine

should be removed. The Court of Appeals modified the judgment to strike the fine and affirmed the judgment as modified.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Rodriguez v. State, No. 01-23-00721-CR, 2025 WL 1373693, at *15-16 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] May 13, 2025, pet. ref'd)
- Bradshaw v. State, 707 S.W.3d 412, 416-20 (Tex. Crim. App. 2024)
- Anastassov v. State, 664 S.W.3d 815, 820 (Tex. Crim. App. 2022)
- Armstrong v. State, 340 S.W.3d 759, 767 (Tex. Crim. App. 2011)
- Taylor v. State, 131 S.W.3d 497, 500 (Tex. Crim. App. 2004)
- Bigley v. State, 865 S.W.2d 26, 27-28 (Tex. Crim. App. 1993)
- French v. State, 830 S.W.2d 607, 609 (Tex. Crim. App. 1992)

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