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School bus driver abused children

A school bus driver who drugged and then sexually abused children over a period of six years has been jailed for five years.

David Dunn, 40, from Blackburn in West Lothian, used a funnel to make children eat crushed temazepam tablets so that he could knock them out.

Some of his victims were just nine when the attacks took place between 1992 and 1998, Perth Sheriff Court heard.

Dunn spent seven years driving for school runs in Perthshire.

As well as his jail sentence he has been made the subject of an eight-year Sexual Offences Prevention Order (Sopo), banning him from every play park, school and nursery in the country.

The order also prevents him from going to any council leisure facility or anywhere children are likely to gather, without prior permission from a police commander.

The father-of-two is further prohibited from having any



David Dunn abused children aged between nine and 14

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contact with a child under the age of 17 unless he is supervised by a social worker.

Dunn, formerly from Blairgowrie, was found guilty of abusing five boys and girls aged between nine and 14.

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Sheriff Michael Fletcher

One victim, who is now 24, said: "He would give me sweets and ice cream. He just told me to help myself.

"He gave us Buckfast. It was what he drank. It made me feel dizzy.

"He would have a bit of paper rolled like a funnel. He used to say 'just take it, it's good'. I didn't want to.

"He used to get us to put our heads back and swallow it."

'Extremely serious'

Sheriff Michael Fletcher placed Dunn on the Sex Offenders Register for life and imposed the order to "remove temptation".

He said: "I regard this as an extremely serious matter, even though the offences took place some years ago.

"He is 40 and he has got some years to go before he might become less dangerous."

Outside the court, a female victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said: "Justice has been done. Now they should lock him up and throw away the key."

One of the male victims said: "What he did has ruined a lot of lives and he should pay the price for that. We are just the tip of the iceberg."

Dunn had worked as a driver for Coupar Angus-based Smith & Sons Coaches which said it had sacked him.

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