



# Laval couple pleads guilty to sexually assaulting foster children

Jacques Laporte, wife Micheline Charland Laporte plead guilty to sex-related charges dating back to 60s, 70s

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**Jacques Laporte and his wife Micheline Charland Laporte sexually abused two sisters over a period of nearly 15 years**

A Laval couple pleaded guilty in Quebec Court this morning to several sex-related charges against children in their care while they were foster parents in the 60s and 70s.

Jacques Laporte and his wife Micheline Charland Laporte sexually abused two sisters over a period of nearly 15 years.

One of the girls, who cannot be named because the assaults happened when she was a minor, was sexually assaulted from the time she was nine years old until she was 20.

The court heard the victim offered to accept more assaults from Laporte and his wife in order to spare her younger sister from abuse. The couple refused.

The assaults happened almost weekly.

"It is very shocking and, after so many years, I think today that the victims will finally have the feeling that justice has been done," said Crown prosecutor Claudia Ossio.

## Boy beaten

Laporte has already served 30 months in prison for assaulting a boy in his care in the 80s.

The victim, Stéphane Brabant, said he was physically abused almost on a weekly basis. He said he was hit with a belt on his back and buttocks until he bled.

"I was injured on my head and I needed to go to the hospital, but they didn't want to take me to the hospital. When they whipped me, it was the same thing," Brabant told reporters at the Laval courthouse.

"They prevented me from going to see my mother because I had too many wounds. They told me to call my mother and tell her I didn't want to go see her."

A visibly angry Judge Gilles Garneau refused to release Laporte and Charland Laporte pending their next court appearance for sentencing in May.