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## Jury acquits Hamilton man in child molestation case

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TRENTON — A Hamilton man accused of child molestation has been fully exonerated of any wrongdoing.

A Mercer County trial jury on Wednesday easily found Richard Cincilla not guilty on all counts.

“It was six years of hell for my client,” defense attorney Robin Lord said Wednesday afternoon in an interview with The Trentonian. “The charges were complete and utter bull [expletive]. The jury knew it.”

Cincilla, 44, was accused of groping and touching a 13-year-old girl in Hamilton on Aug. 23, 2013. He was indicted in 2014 and then re-indicted on criminal sexual contact and child endangerment charges in 2015 after a Superior Court judge dismissed the initial charging document.

The superseding indictment charged Cincilla with two counts of third-degree endangering the welfare of a child and eight counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact. Mercer County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Mennuti tried Cincilla in a trial by jury before Superior Court Judge Robert Bingham II, failing to win any convictions.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour Wednesday before

returning a verdict of not guilty on all counts, Lord said. All of the jurors doubted the prosecution's narrative, unconvinced by the sordid allegations as the state failed to substantiate its case with compelling evidence.

With this nightmare behind him, Cincilla is considering legal action of his own.

"It is his intention to file a lawsuit against everyone involved," Lord said. "Hopefully it will send a message to the Hamilton Police Department and Mercer County Prosecutor's Office that they should do at least a modicum of investigation before they accuse someone of a crime they didn't commit."