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FORT MYERS, Fla. - A former bible study teacher convicted of molesting boys he met through a Cape Coral Jehovah's Witness church wants to lighten his prison sentence.

Prosecutors say the use went on from 2001 to 2011. Today, the victims are in their teens and twenties.

The Lucas Road home in Fort Myers sits vacant. But at one time, it's where in investigators say Francis Wong, 43, tried molesting a 17-year-old at a party.

Court records show they were playing the game "Chinese Attack", where Wong chased him in the bedroom and tickled the teen. Wong then grabbed the teen's genitals over his clothes.

This was one of seven victim accounts. All the boys met wong at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Cape Coral, where Wong was active in training and bible study.

"One of the witnesses to the case told his mom that allegedly he'd been touched inappropriately during one of the house-church meetings," said Sebouh Gourjian, Wong's attorney.

In another witness statement, a boy came forward saying he was molested by wong. The boy said when he was around eight or nine years old, he was at a church function with Wong, when the two left together. Wong stopped at a friend's house, where he chased the boy around and wrestled him. The boy said Wong held him down on the couch and pulled his pants and underwear down before touching his genitals.

Last May, Wong fled the state. Neighbors recall him packing a U-Haul in the middle of the night. But he was soon tracked down by US Marshalls in New York. In November, a jury found Wong guilty of lewd or lascivious molestation and battery. His attorney is appealing the case.

"I asked the court to separate each victim's cases to a separate trial because i believe the facts were not the same, and it did not have a sequence of events," explained Gourjian.

Wong was sentenced to life plus 60 years.

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