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## Defendant Sentenced to 27 Years in Prison for Sexual Assault of a Child September 11, 2017

Billy Pace, 52, Pled guilty to two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child on Friday, September 8, 2017. Pace was sentenced to 27 years in prison in exchange for his plea of guilty. In addition, Pace pled guilty to Indecency with a Child by Contact.

In January of 2016, a teenage family member told police that Pace had sexually assaulted her. The family member was seen at the hospital, where DNA was collected and sent for testing. Pace was arrested on November 8, 2016 after police received the test results.

During the investigation, the family member told police that Pace had sexually assaulted her previously in December of 2014 and touched her inappropriately in September of 2015. Pace was charged with all three incidents.

This case was prosecuted by Kara Comte, the Crimes Against Children Prosecutor for the Brazos County District Attorney's Office.

"Anytime a child is sexually abused, the abuser deserves to go to prison. The victim in this case was incredibly brave in coming forward and, as a result, this man will spend a long time in prison for his actions."- Kara Comte

