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Defendant Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison for Sexual Abuse June 21, 2019

Bobby Ray Smith, Jr, 27, pled guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child yesterday and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Smith was arrested on December 17, 2018 on a warrant for the charge. The warrant was issued in September of 2018 after a child disclosed that Smith had engaged in sexual contact with her. The child was an acquaintance of Smith.

The disclosure occurred after the child's grandmother discovered the child behaving in a sexually suggestive manner. The grandmother became concerned and questioned the child, who reported that she learned the behavior from Smith.

The child was interviewed at Scotty's House and provided details of the abuse. Detectives with the Bryan Police Department investigated the case. During the investigation, the child's mother confirmed several of the details provided by the child in her interview.

The agreement was reached in cooperation with the victim's family, who was present at the plea. As a result of his conviction and sentence, Smith must serve a minimum of half of his prison term before becoming eligible for parole consideration. Additionally, Smith must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. Assistant District Attorney Kara Comte prosecuted this case on behalf of the State of Texas.

“This predator took advantage of a child who was too young to understand what was happening. By telling her family what she experienced, this child shined a light on the true nature of Bobby Smith.”

- Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney

