



# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Physical Abuse of a Child Results in Prison Sentence May 7, 2018**

Bryan, TX – British Williams, 30, of Bryan, was sentenced to 8 years in prison after pleading guilty to Injury to a child.

On May 5, 2014, a six-year-old child appeared at school with bruises to his face. A concerned staff-member contacted CPS, which initiated an investigation. The child was interviewed at Brazos County's Child Advocacy Center, Scotty's House, and disclosed that he was physically abused by his mother's boyfriend, Williams. The victim described how Williams repeatedly hit him and strangled him. The child stated that he missed multiple days of school due to his injuries. School records confirmed the child's absence from school for two days before the injuries were discovered.

A medical professional at Scotty's House examined the child and found bruising over much of the child's body, including on his face and stomach. The medical examination also revealed petechial hemorrhaging that corroborated the child's report of being strangled. When CPS investigators spoke to the child's mother, she was uncooperative and insisted that any injuries the victim sustained resulted from playing with his friends.

Ultimately, CPS removed the victim and a sibling from the home. Shortly after the incident, Williams left Texas for Washington State. Brazos County prosecutors successfully extradited him back to Texas to face charges. For the charge of Injury to a Child, Williams faced a maximum of 10 years in prison.

Williams' criminal history includes prior probations in the State of Oregon for Riot, Assault, and Harassment. The case was investigated by CPS and the Bryan Police Department.

