



PRESS RELEASE

Repeat Offender Sentenced to 25 Years for DWI February 28, 2020

Bryan, TX – Martin Ybarra, 49, of Bryan, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More following a jury trial this week in the 272nd District Court.

Officers with the Bryan Police Department were dispatched to Ybarra's home on December 14, 2018, for a domestic disturbance. A child called 911 moments earlier to report her step dad was drunk and things were getting out of control.

Ybarra initially ran and hid from police once they arrived at his home. Moments later he jumped in his truck and attempted to flee. Police officers pursued Ybarra and took him into custody after Ybarra stopped his vehicle in a parking lot on Gooseneck Drive.

Ybarra became violent when officers caught up with him. Officers testified during the trial that Ybarra displayed multiple signs of intoxication. Ybarra's family reported he consumed between 12 and 15 beers prior to officers arriving.

Ybarra was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for a sample of his blood. Upon arrival at the hospital, Ybarra continued to display violent behavior. Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab tests confirmed the defendant's blood alcohol concentration was .162, more than twice the legal limit.

The jury took less than thirty minutes to deliberate before returning a guilty verdict.

A punishment hearing was conducted in front of the Court after the jury verdict. Judge Travis Bryan III handed down the sentence of 25 years. This offense is Ybarra's fifth DWI. Ybarra has also been convicted of Sexual Assault.

This case was investigated by the Bryan Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristin Burns.

