



PRESS RELEASE

Child Molester Sentenced to Prison for 30 Years

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David Benavidez, 38, was sentenced to 30 years in prison today by Judge Travis Bryan, III for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Benavidez was convicted of that same offense on Thursday by a Brazos County jury.

Benavidez was arrested in May of 2017. On October 11, 2016, a young girl told her mother that Benavidez had been abusing her. She reported the abuse began during Christmas time of 2011. Benavidez and the child's mother were in a relationship at the time of the abuse. The child was 10 years old at the time Benavidez began having sexual contact with her and was 15 years old when she disclosed the abuse. The victim told investigators that Benavidez sexually molested her on more than 15 occasions between December of 2011 and May of 2015. Benavidez was also charged with Assault Family Violence by Strangulation in connection with a 2015 incident involving the same victim. That charge is still pending. During the trial, prosecutors called an expert witness from Scotty's House to explain to the jury why victims of sexual abuse often wait to report sexual abuse for months or even years. Assistant District Attorneys Kara Comte and R. Clay Kimbrough prosecuted this case on behalf of the State of Texas.

“Courageous voices of victims of sexual abuse shine a light on a crime that happens in the dark. This young girl’s bravery has ensured that David Benavidez will never prey on another child.”

-Kara Comte and R. Clay Kimbrough Assistant District Attorneys

