

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Man Sentenced to 20 Years for Endangering a Child June 17, 2015

Bryan, TX -DaChristopher Harrison, 29, was convicted of Endangering a Child today after pleading guilty to the offense in front of Judge Travis Bryan, III. As a result of his guilty plea, Harrison was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The sentence was the maximum for the offense due to two prior prison sentences.

Harrison was arrested on July 10, 2014, after officers attempted to arrest him for violating his parole. When approached by officers with the Bryan Police Department, Harrison fled in his vehicle, driving backwards down a residential street before running his vehicle into one driven by a Sergeant with the Bryan Police Department. Harrison's 6-year-old son was in the front seat of the car during the offense.

Harrison was also sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to Evading Arrest or Detention with a Motor Vehicle. The court made a finding that a deadly weapon was used in the commission of the offense, meaning Harrison will have to serve half of his prison sentence before becoming eligible for parole. The Evading Arrest charge was enhanced to a minimum of 25 years because of his prior convictions. At the time of his arrest, officers found approximately 13 grams of cocaine in the car. That offense was considered by the court in assessing Harrison's punishment. Assistant District Attorneys Kara Comte and Jennifer Hebert prosecuted the case for the State.

"The safety of our community is most important. This is especially true of our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line for us daily. When someone puts officers and children in danger, they deserve to spend a significant amount of time in prison."

- Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney

