



PRESS RELEASE

Child Molester Sentenced to 30 years in Prison

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On Tuesday March 17, 2015, Angel Obella was sentenced to 30 years in prison by 85th Judicial District Court Judge Kyle Hawthorne for the offense of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Obella pled guilty to the offense in a previous hearing and elected to have District Judge Hawthorne assess his punishment.

During the punishment hearing, Judge Hawthorne heard testimony from the victim, who was approximately nine years old at the time of the offense, that the defendant forced her to perform oral sex on him on multiple occasions. The victim's mother also testified at the punishment hearing and described the fear the victim had of Obella after the abuse. She described how her daughter's personality became more withdrawn, suspicious, and sad around others after the abuse. Obella's defense attorney called several of the defendant's friends and family to testify as character witnesses. The defendant had no previous criminal history other than a pending misdemeanor charge for driving with an invalid license.

As a result of Judge Hawthorne's sentence, Obella will not be eligible for parole for 15 years. This offense was investigated by the Bryan Police Department.

“Angel Obella robbed the innocence of a child. Prison time is the only response for these unimaginable acts.” — Kevin Capps, Assistant District Attorney

