



PRESS RELEASE

Child Molester Sentenced to Prison for 35 Years

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Austin Price, 37, pled guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child yesterday and was sentenced to 35 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Price was arrested on March 2, 2018, after a 14-year-old girl reported that he had sexually abused her. The outcry was made to the child's mother. The child was taken to the hospital for an exam and at that point the Bryan Police Department was brought in to begin their investigation.

During the exam, the child told the nurse that Price had first abused her when she was in the 7th grade. She also stated that he would buy things for her and ask for favors in return. When she did not perform those favors, he would force himself on her. The child said she did not tell anyone because Price had threatened to hurt her mother if she ever told anyone. She made the decision to disclose the abuse to her mom when she was concerned that he was doing the same thing to her young sisters. The younger children were interviewed at Scotty's House and did not make an outcry of abuse. Price will be required to serve half of his sentence before being eligible for parole. He had never been convicted of a felony before. Assistant District Attorney Kara Comte prosecuted this case on behalf of the State of Texas.

“Victims of child sexual abuse who make the brave decision to come forward free themselves from darkness and protect those around them. Because of the courage of this child, our community is a safer place.” - Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney

