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Child Molester Sentenced to 38 Years

July 5, 2019

Bryan, TX – Joshua Figures, 28, of Bryan, was sentenced by Judge Steve Smith to 38 years in prison Friday morning after a jury convicted him of Indecency with a Child by Contact earlier in June. The charge stemmed from sexual abuse that Figures inflicted on the 10-year-old daughter of one of Figures' friends.

In the early morning hours of February 18, 2017, Figures' victim woke up to him standing over her in her bedroom. Figures exposed himself to her and engaged in sexual contact with her.

After Figures left the room, the young girl immediately cried out, sending middle-of-the-night text messages to a family member who drove to the house and removed her. The jury heard the testimony of Figures' victim, as well as the relative who came and picked her up during the night.

As Brazos County prosecutors investigated the case in preparation for trial, they discovered numerous letters that Figures wrote to the mother of the Victim. In several of those letters, Figures urged the Victim's mother to refuse to cooperate with law enforcement, to convince the child to lie, and to lie under oath herself. Prosecutors introduced those letters in evidence during the trial. Jurors also heard testimony from Sergeant Jarret Williams and Detective Chris Loup of the Bryan Police Department, who investigated the case.

After the jury found Figures guilty, the case was set for a punishment hearing before Judge Steve Smith on July 5, 2019.

During that punishment hearing, prosecutors presented further evidence that Figures had sexually abused another victim in 2013. The victim in that case did not report the abuse until 2018.

Additionally, prosecutors presented several more letters sent by Figures encouraging the mother of his victim to drop charges, lie to investigators, and perjure herself in court for him.

Finally, prosecutors presented evidence that Figures had previously been convicted of Burglary of a Habitation and had been put on probation for that offense.

Ultimately, Figures stopped participating in his probation programs. During his punishment phase, Figures' probation officer testified and described how Figures laughed at her when she told him he could go to prison if he did not take probation seriously. Eventually, Figures' probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to two years in prison in 2015.





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This case was investigated by officers from the Bryan Police Department and the Brazos County District Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Amanda Koenig and Nathan Wood.

“This defendant was brought to justice because a very brave little girl stood up and spoke out against the sexual abuse she suffered at Figures’ hands. We hope other victims of abuse are inspired by her courage.” - Amanda Koenig & Nathan Wood, Assistant District Attorneys

