



## PRESS RELEASE

### Child Molester Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison

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Kevin Hernandez, 24, was convicted by a Brazos County jury today of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child Under the Age of 14. The jury took less than an hour to reach their verdict.

Following the verdict, Hernandez agreed to a sentence of 30 years in prison with no possibility of parole.

Prosecutors presented evidence that Hernandez sexually abused two boys whom he knew over a period of years beginning in 2011 when Hernandez turned 17 and ending in 2013. Jurors also heard testimony that additional abuse occurred prior to Hernandez' 17th birthday. At the time the abuse began, the victims were five and seven, respectively.

In December of 2015, the older of the two victims disclosed to his mother that he had been abused. Following that disclosure, the second victim came forward and spoke about the abuse he suffered as well.

Initially, the abuse was reported by the children's parents to law enforcement authorities in the Houston area. When investigators determined the abuse occurred in Brazos County, the case was sent to the Bryan Police Department. A detective with the Bryan Police Department arranged for both victims to undergo forensic interviews at Scotty's House.

During the trial, prosecutors called the forensic interviewer from Scotty's House who testified about why victims of sexual abuse frequently delay reporting abuse.

Assistant District Attorneys Kara Comte and Ryan Calvert prosecuted this case on behalf of the State of Texas.

**“This case illustrates that even if it takes victims years to find their voice, our community will listen. These children are heroes.”**

**- Kara Comte and Ryan Calvert, Assistant District Attorneys**

