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## **MAN PLEAS TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD**

**Date May 01, 2014**

**Location: 221<sup>st</sup> District Court, Judge, Honorable Lisa Michalk**

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**Conroe, Texas May 01, 2014 – Timothy Bryson, age 40, pled to Life in prison on two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and 10 years TDC on the possession of child pornography. Bryson was facing the possibility of additional charges for sexual abuse of a child, but, opted to plea to life in prison instead.**

**The case was investigated by Inv. Christopher Jones, with Pct. 5, Constable David Hill, along with a joint effort of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) joint task force of Montgomery County Constable Pcts. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, as well as the Conroe Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. The investigation was initiated when it was discovered that a large amount of child pornography was being downloaded to the defendant's residence. Inv. Jones along with the ICAC task force seized the electronic equipment from the defendant's residence revealing thousands of child pornography images as well as multiple videos of the defendant having sexual contact with a minor.**

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The case was prosecuted jointly by Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Division Chiefs, Cindy Pulcher, ICAC and Nancy Hebert, Crimes Against Children. "When the full extent of the nature of this case came to light, all investigators from all of these agencies joined together to ensure that Bryson could no longer harm any other children.", said Hebert. Hebert further stated that "Inv. Jones' had to sift through large amounts of horrific images to submit the evidence necessary to make a life sentence the only option available to this defendant. "

Hebert commented that this case is a perfect example of how children remain silent about child sexual abuse. "Child sexual abuse is a complicated crime where guilt silences the victims. I truly believe that if ICAC had not uncovered the child pornography, the sexual abuse of this child would have continued. Once the abuse was discovered, the child was then brought to the non-profit organization of Children's Safe Harbor, which specializes in the forensic interviewing of sexually abused children. Safe Harbor provided a neutral environment where the child then outcries to the sexual abuse. "This was an emotional and difficult case for all involved", states Hebert, "it is always a successful ending when a child does not have to testify in court and, yet, our community is protected from this perpetrator for life."

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