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**Travis County Jury Sentences Defendant to 70 years in prison after hearing evidence
of drug selling operation and human trafficking involving minors**

On June 12, 2019, a Travis County jury sentenced Raymond Paul Swan to 70 years incarceration. The day prior, the same jury found the defendant guilty of Possession of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine. During the punishment hearing, the jury heard evidence involving the repeated sexual assault of two minor girls, numerous prior penitentiary trips, and six prior felony convictions.

On January 6, 2017, officers from the Austin Police Department responded to an automobile collision in Austin. Witnesses indicated that two juvenile females left the scene. Officer Brian O'Quinn matched these girls to the description given in an earlier Amber Alert. The juveniles, 14 and 16, had been missing from Montgomery County, Texas since December 2016.

The juveniles were picked up in Conroe, Texas, and transported to a hotel in Austin and told that they would begin working as prostitutes; they fled and were taken in at the same hotel by Raymond Paul Swan, then aged 40. Over the course of seven days, Swan gave drugs to and sexually assaulted the minors numerous times. Digital forensic analysis of Swan's phone showed that on the second day he learned that the girls were missing from Montgomery County and were 14 and 16 years old.

Special Agents Otto Cabrera and Amy King, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, arrested Swan at the hotel and recovered methamphetamine and numerous items indicating a drug selling operation.

Assistant District Attorneys Jim Kingman and Joe Frederick prosecuted the case. Following the trial, Kingman stated, "Human trafficking is just below the surface, even in cities like Austin. Law enforcement and the jury did excellent work to make sure that this predator is removed from this community for a long time."

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