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**Judge Gives 50-year Sentence in Aggravated Sexual Assault Case**

Judge Julie Kocurek, 390<sup>th</sup> District Court, today sentenced 33-year-old Derek Grinstead to 50 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice during the sentencing phase of his Aggravated Sexual Assault trial. A Travis County jury had previously convicted Grinstead on October 2, 2019.

In the morning hours of October 22, 2018, the victim was opening a tanning salon in the Southpark Meadows shopping center. After she unlocked the business and began setting up for the day, Grinstead entered the business and pulled a serrated knife from his pocket. He commanded the victim to enter a room and sexually assaulted her. As soon as the defendant left the business, the victim immediately called 911. Officers with the Austin Police Department were nearby and responded immediately, locating the defendant in the area. After a brief pursuit, Grinstead was arrested. A knife matching the victim's description was found in the defendant's pocket. The victim promptly identified Grinstead as the attacker and surveillance footage was obtained of him entering and leaving the business. DNA testing on evidence collected during the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam matched Grinstead's DNA profile.

"We thank Judge Kocurek for her attentiveness to the evidence and just punishment verdict," said Assistant District Attorney Geoffrey Puryear.

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