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### **Jonathan Sivley Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child**

(Austin, TX) In a plea agreement with the Travis County District Attorney's Office, 29-year-old Jonathan G. Sivley of Abilene was sentenced to 18 years in prison for the Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. The victim is a 13-year-old boy in Pflugerville.

The plea was made before Judge Cliff Brown in 147<sup>th</sup> District Court on February 20.

In 2018, the boy's stepfather found a sex toy in the child's bedroom. When questioned, the boy told his parents that Sivley had given it to him and cried out that Sivley had sexually abused him. The victim also disclosed when he was 12-years-old, Sivley started buying him presents and giving him money in exchange for nude photos and videos that he would send the Defendant from his phone.

The boy's family informed the Pflugerville Police Department. During the investigation, it was discovered that Sivley had manipulated and pressured the boy by texting him through an app from several different phone numbers while pretending to be other people. The Defendant would persuade the child to send more photos or videos by making threats that if he didn't, his parents would find out.

Sivley met the victim at an apartment complex where the boy's biological father resided. Sivley lived with the boy's father for a short period of time and became friends with the family.

With the assistance of the Abilene Police Department, Pflugerville Police did a thorough investigation, which led to the discovery of over a thousand images and videos of child pornography in Sivley's possession. Sivley was arrested on February 23, 2018 in Abilene and extradited to Travis County.

Travis County Assistant District Attorney Amber Platt is hopeful that reaching a plea agreement and avoiding a trial will allow the child to heal and move forward with his life. “There is no sentence that will erase what this child and his family have suffered and how this will affect him the rest of his life. I am so proud of this young man for having the courage to tell the truth and to finally be able to see that this is not his fault,” Platt said.

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