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Most sexual abuse of children happens at the hands of someone that the child trusts and cares about. That relationship can make it very difficult for a child to disclose when abuse is happening, often resulting in delayed outcries. Last week, the 108<sup>th</sup> District Court conducted the trial of George Rogers, charged with Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. The case involved a young girl who the defendant sexually abused for several years before she told family members and the police were contacted. At trial, the victim bravely took the stand and told the jury what had happened to her. She was supported by testimony from an interviewer from the Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, a sexual assault nurse, members of the Amarillo Police Department, and her family. The jury returned a guilty verdict and then were also asked to consider the issue of punishment. After a brief deliberation, the jury recommended a life sentence, and the Honorable Tim Pirtle sentenced the defendant to life in prison. Based on the charge, the defendant will never be eligible for parole.

District Attorney Jason Herring said, "Our office is privileged to help children speak up about what has happened to them. We are grateful for all the people who helped with this case and want to especially thank the jury for sending the message that abusing children will not be tolerated in Potter County." The District Attorney's Office is committed to continuing to seek justice for any child who has experienced abuse.

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