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The week of March 17, 2025, the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court conducted a jury trial on two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child against Richard Taylor. The defendant finished a prison sentence in New Mexico for sexually abusing a child. The abuse had occurred in both New Mexico and in Texas when the child was visiting family in Amarillo. The victim, now an adult, bravely took the stand and testified about what had happened to her as a child in both states. The jury convicted the defendant, and recommended sentences of 60 years in prison on each count. The Honorable Judge Dee Johnson then granted the State's motion to stack those sentences, meaning that they will run consecutively for a total punishment of 120 years.

It is an all too uncommon reality that children who suffer sexual abuse do not disclose that abuse immediately. Despite the challenges in prosecuting a case that is delayed, our office is grateful for the opportunity to stand up for victims whenever they come forward. 47<sup>th</sup> District Attorney Jason Herring said, "Verdicts like the one in this case provide justice for this particular victim, and we hope they will also be a powerful example to anyone who has been abused and is afraid to speak out." The 47<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office wishes to thank the victim, her family, and the Amarillo Police Department for their work on this case.

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