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CHILD SEXUAL PREDATOR RECEIVES LIFE SENTENCE

(Bonham, Texas—January 12, 2017) Thomas Randazzo, 33, of McKinney, Texas, was convicted by a Fannin County jury of the offense of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child, based upon his repeated sexual abuse of an 8-year old girl over the course of several months in 2014. During the punishment phase of trial, the jury learned that Randazzo had previous convictions in Arizona for Sexual Conduct with a Child and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. During punishment arguments, defense attorney Joey Fritts instructed the jury that they needed to consider that even the minimum sentence of 25 years would be a great hardship for Randazzo and that he would not be eligible for good time credit or parole. In response, Assistant District Attorney Brad Setterberg pleaded with the jury to consider Randazzo’s victims, the lives he had ruined, and the safety of the community. The jury deliberated for approximately 30 minutes before returning the maximum possible sentence against Randazzo. “I appreciate the jury’s commitment to justice, as shown by their verdict,” said Criminal District Attorney Richard Glaser. “Randazzo is a predator that preys upon young children and has shown by actions that he is a danger to our community. Thanks to the jury’s life sentence, we know that Randazzo will never have another opportunity to victimize a child.”

