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JURY SENTENCES EL PASO MAN TO PRISON FOR INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

EL PASO, TEXAS - An El Paso jury has found a man guilty of two counts of Indecency with a Child and sentenced him to three years in state prison.

Bryan Armendariz, 22, was convicted of touching a female relative's breasts and genital area above her clothing. The victim made the outcry in 2021 to her family, who reported it to the El Paso Police Department. The victim was under the age of 17 at the time of the touching. The trial began with evidence and testimony on Monday, Feb. 10, in the 346th District Court with Judge Patricia Baca presiding. After unanimously finding Armendariz guilty, the same jury also sentenced him to three years in prison.

"Unless you have been a victim, it is impossible to fully understand how difficult it is for a young child to report that someone they trust has inappropriately touched him or her. And that is just the beginning of the process - it is certainly not an easy or enviable task for anyone, much less a child, to have to come to court and explain what he or she experienced to a group of strangers. I commend the strength and resiliency of the young lady for her willingness to testify in front of the jury," stated District Attorney James Montoya.

Assistant District Attorneys Jesse Mende and Elena Esparza represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of the case.