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EL PASO MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD, SENTENCED TO 45 YEARS IN PRISON

EL PASO, TEXAS - The 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office announced today that a jury found Archie Antonio Bridges, 39, guilty of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child: Victim under 14.

The jury trial began with testimony on Monday, Jan. 13 in the 243rd District Court, with the Honorable Judge Selena Solis presiding. Bridges was found guilty on Tuesday after one-and-a-half hours of deliberation.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, after deliberating for less than three hours, the jury unanimously concluded that Bridges should serve 45 years in prison for the crime. The sentence does not offer parole.

The District Attorney's Office commends the bravery of the young female victim, who not only came forward and reported the abuse, but also testified during the trial that Bridges assaulted her continuously between 2017 and 2021. District Attorney James Montoya pledges to hold those who abuse children in our community accountable for their actions.

The Office also wants to thank the jury for the verdict and the sentence, as well as the El Paso Police Department for their investigative work.

Assistant District Attorneys Preston Munson and Joella Methola represented the State of Texas in their prosecution of the case.