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HOUSTON MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND ENTICEMENT CHARGES

Today in Midland, 27-year-old Trevin Rounds of Houston was sentenced to ten years in federal prison on child pornography and enticement charges announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman and Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw. In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Robert A. Junell ordered that Rounds be placed under supervised release for a period of 15 years after completing his prison term.

On July 13, 2012, a federal jury convicted Rounds of one count of possession of child pornography and one count of enticement of a minor. Evidence presented during trial revealed that on March 16, 2012, Rounds traveled from Houston to Odessa to transport a 14-year-old female acquaintance back to Houston. The following day, law enforcement officers in Eden, Texas, stopped Rounds and the minor female for a routine traffic violation at which time they obtained consent to search the minor female's cell phone and discovered information pertaining to a prostitution operation as well as a video of Rounds and the minor female engaging in sexual activity.

In a separate, but related case, 25-year-old Brian Phea of Amarillo, was sentenced last month to 312 months in federal prison followed by 25 years of supervised release for his role in a sex trafficking scheme involving the minor female. Evidence presented during Phea's trial revealed that in the days leading up to the March 17 traffic stop, Phea purchased a bus ticket for the minor female and convinced her to travel from Houston to visit him in Amarillo. Subsequently, Phea drove the minor female to Odessa, where he advertised on the web that the female would provide sex for money. The female began receiving messages and calls for prostitution/sexual performance on a cell phone provided to her by Phea. When the minor female told Phea she did not want to participate, Phea physically struck her, rupturing her ear drum, and tased her on the chest. Testimony also revealed that Phea forced his victim to have sexual intercourse with an unknown man in exchange for \$140. On July 10, 2012, the jury convicted Phea of one count of sex trafficking of children and one count of promotion of a business enterprise involving prostitution.

This investigation was conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety together with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI), Odessa Police Department and the Concho County Sheriff's Office. This matter was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Austin Berry.

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