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BRYAN SANDERS SENTENCED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING CHILD

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Scot D. Key announces that a Sentencing Hearing was completed yesterday on Defendant Bryan Sanders, age 42, of Chaparral, New Mexico. Bryan Sanders was convicted at a jury trial in Alamogordo, New Mexico on May 3, 2021, for sexually abusing a minor. Sanders had been arrested on February 1, 2019, by the Otero County Sheriff's Office who found the Defendant hiding in a shed on the family property. He was hiding there after he was kicked out of the home by family members who had learned of the sexual abuse which occurred that day.

The Defendant had been incarcerated since his arrest in 2019 until the matter went to trial on May 3, 2021. An Otero County jury convicted him of Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor and three (3) counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor. The Honorable Judge Angie Schneider ordered a sixty (60) day diagnostic evaluation at the Department of Corrections prior to sentencing. The Defendant had previously admitted that he was a habitual offender. Therefore, all his convictions would be enhanced by one (1) year under the Habitual Offender Act.

The Court noted that his admission of guilt at the diagnostic evaluation was contrary to his sworn testimony at trial, where he denied the offenses. The Court sentenced him to sixty-four (64) years of incarceration, but suspended thirty-four (34) of those years, ultimately totaling a period of incarceration of thirty (30) years. The Defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the entirety of his lifetime, be placed on sex offender probation for five (5) to twenty (20) years after completion of the aforementioned sentence, and parole for a minimum of five (5) years up to his natural life. These offenses are classified as serious violent offenses, and as such, would require the defendant to serve 85% of the thirty (30) years.

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