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**JAMES BRESLIN SENTENCED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING STEP-BROTHER**

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Scot D. Key announces that a Sentencing Hearing was completed yesterday on Defendant James Breslin, age 34, of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Breslin had been arrested on January 29, 2018, by the Otero County Sheriff's Office after family members reported their discovery of the sexual abuse.

The Defendant had been incarcerated since his arrest in 2018 until the matter went to trial on November 29, 2021. Rather than complete his trial, James Breslin entered a plea of guilty to seventy (70) felony charges to include: forty (40) Counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) (Child Under 13), twenty (20) Counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree) (Child Under 13) (Unclothed), and ten (10) Counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

At the time of the sexual abuse, the Victim was between five (5) and six (6) years of age. The Defendant and the Victim shared a bedroom at the family residence in Tularosa, New Mexico. Both, the Defendant and Victim confirmed the sexual abuse occurred consistently for a duration of eighteen (18) months. The case was investigated by the Otero County Sheriff's Department ultimately leading Investigators and Sheriff's Deputies to conduct an interview with the Defendant. During the interview, the Defendant confessed to the acts constituting the forty (40) Counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration (1<sup>st</sup> Degree) (Child Under 13) and twenty (20) Counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree) (Child Under 13) (Unclothed). Moreover, James Breslin confessed to introducing and watching pornography with his step-brother in an effort to accustom the child to sexual activity.

The Honorable Judge Steven Blankinship notated and acknowledged the Statement of Facts and the Defendant's admission of guilt. The Court sentenced James Breslin to serve seventy-two (72) years in the New Mexico Department of Corrections. These offenses are classified as serious violent offenses, and as such, would require the defendant to serve 85% of the seventy-two (72) years in a prison facility. The District Attorney's Office applauds the professionalism, dedication and investigation skills of the Otero County Sheriff's Department.

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