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# Press Release

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## Two Felony Charges Result in Eight Year Prison Sentence

Bryan, TX – Joshua Harris, 21, was sentenced to 8 years in prison on Monday, June 9, after pleading guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Harris was also sentenced to 180 days in the Brazos County Jail for False Statement to Obtain Credit.

Harris was arrested on September 8, 2012 for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon after an altercation with his mother and her boyfriend. During the incident, Harris displayed a knife, resulting in the Aggravated Assault charge.

Less than two months after being released from jail, Harris was arrested for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child on November 7, 2012 after the 13 year old victim reported to police that Harris had sexually assaulted her in July of the same year. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that he had committed sexual assault on the same victim two times in the same night.

The sentence on all three cases will run concurrently. Because of the charges, Harris will be required to serve half of his sentence before becoming eligible for



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parole. Harris had no criminal history prior to these incidents.

Assistant District Attorney Kara Comte prosecuted the case on behalf of the State of Texas.

**“We are grateful that the victim in this case had the courage to come forward and stand up for herself. Too often, cases like this go unreported and, therefore, no one is held accountable. Joshua Harris will have the next eight years to think about his actions. We hope that this sentence will bring closure to those affected by him.” - Kara Comte**