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San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office Removes Serial Sexual Predator from our Streets

In October of 2015, information regarding a sexual predator was brought forth to the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Greg Capers assigned Detective Sergeant Amy McCorkle to work the case. Sergeant McCorkle is assigned to the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau, Sex Crimes Investigation Division.

The information brought forth to Sergeant McCorkle was that a San Jacinto County resident had been involved in the sexual abuse of children since 2012. Sergeant McCorkle was able to identify 4 independent victims of this abuse, all being under the age of 14. After many months of extensive investigation, the case was referred to the District Attorney's Office as Sexual Assault of a Child-(victim1); Indecency With a Child- (victim 2); Indecency With a Child- (victim 3); Indecency With a Child- (Victim 4); Criminal Solicitation of a Minor- (Victim 4).

The District Attorney, Robert Trapp, combined all of the cases into one First Degree Felony charge of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child or Children. On August 26, 2016, he presented this case to a San Jacinto County Grand Jury and an indictment was returned against the suspect, Robert Cook. A First Degree Felony is punishable by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life, or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 25 years.

On September 2, 2016, Robert Cook was arrested by the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office on the charge of Sexual Abuse of a Child Continuous Victim Under 14 and held in the San Jacinto County Jail on a \$500,000.00 Bond.

The elements of this case demand a continuation of the investigation. If anyone has information of additional victims of this crime, please contact Sergeant Amy McCorkle at the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office – 936-653-4367.



**Robert Howard Cook II, 24yo, W/M
of Stringtown Road, Shepherd, Texas**