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HUSBAND AND WIFE SENTENCED TO PRISON IN CASE INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

Name: Jeremy Delgado (35) Laverna Delgado (35)
Court: 221st District Court, The Honorable Judge Michalk presiding
Charges: **J. Delgado**-Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, F1
L. Delgado- Endangering a Child (X3), F2
Plea: Guilty
Sentence: **J. Delgado**-50 years TDCJ
L. Delgado-20 years TDCJ on each (to run concurrent)



On April 19, 2022, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office received a report from an elementary school counselor about a young child who disclosed that Jeremy Delgado had sexually assaulted her multiple times. The child also reported that other family members were aware of the abuse. The subsequent investigation by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Detective Max Fruchtnicht revealed that Delgado had also sexually assaulted two other children, including an infant. Delgado was found to be in possession of video footage of the abuse.

After confessing to the crimes, Delgado was charged with Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child and on March 23, 2023, he pled guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with no possibility of parole.

Laverna Delgado, Jeremy's wife, was charged with Endangering a Child and was found to have lied and covered up the abuse. On March 30, 2023, Laverna pled guilty to three charges of Abandoning or Endangering a Child and was sentenced to the maximum allowed by law - 20 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on each count.

Chief Prosecutor Lisa Stewart, ADA Leah Fieldler, Victim Assistance Coordinator Ilda Rupert, and Investigator A.P. Merillat all of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office Special Victims Unit (SVU) worked tirelessly to provide the necessary evidence and support to bring these victims justice. Members of the District Attorney's SVU would like to thank their partners at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit and Children's Safe Harbor for their assistance in this case.

Prosecutor Leah Fiedler: "The extent and duration of Jeremy Delgado's sexual exploitation of children is truly horrific, and it strikes at the core of all who cherish and safeguard the vulnerable. Laverna Delgado had a sacred duty to protect these children, but instead she lied and manipulated to shield the man who was committing unspeakable acts of abuse against them. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who took action to halt this unbridled wickedness, especially in light of those who failed to do so."

District Attorney Brett Ligon: "The fact that these defendants received such substantial sentences is a tribute to the diligent work of the detectives at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and our committed team at the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office Special Victims Unit. My office remains committed to ensuring that individuals like Jeremy Delgado and his accomplices are swiftly held accountable for their heinous acts."