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**Elsa man sentenced to 25 years for sexual assault of a child**

**EDINBURG** – An Elsa man will serve 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexual abuse of two children.

Arnoldo Reyes, 46, was sentenced to 25 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child (1<sup>st</sup> degree felony) and 20 years for Sexual Assault of a Child (2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony). The sentences will run concurrently.

Reyes was arrested on January 10, 2019 by the Elsa Police Department. The victims were 6- and 15- years-old at the time of the assaults. The case was prosecuted by Special Crimes Division Chief Hope Palacios.

“Bringing justice to victims of child abuse is a top priority for our office,” said Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez. “I commend Assistant District Attorney Hope Palacios as well as the police officers, investigators, victim advocates, and prosecutors who worked on the case.”

Reyes’ sentencing was handed down on August 19, 2019 by 430<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Israel Ramon Jr.

If you suspect child abuse please report by calling 1-800-252-5400. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

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**Photo:** Arnoldo Reyes