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CHILD ABUSER SENTENCED TO 45 YEARS

On Friday, November 21, 2014, Sheena Armstrong, 28, of Midlothian, TX, was sentenced to serve 45 years in prison after pleading guilty to a first degree felony charge of Injury to a Child. The victim of that offense was only 19 months old. Armstrong was also sentenced to a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for a third degree felony of Injury to a Child. The victim of that crime was three-years old.

On June 5, 2013, Midlothian Police responded to a call of an injured child on Ridgeway Drive. At the scene, they found the 19-month victim, who appeared to be in a state of shock. Armstrong initially told police that the child, who is not related to Armstrong, fell out of bed. Medical treatment, however, revealed significant injuries. Armstrong subsequently admitted to police that she abused the child. Police also located other children at the address. A 3-year old, also unrelated to Armstrong, was also found to be a victim of abuse and neglect. Two other children at the address, both related to Armstrong, were unharmed.

The injured children were immediately placed in foster care, where they remain today. Their condition continues to improve.

After Armstrong was sentenced Chief Felony prosecutor Amy Lockhart issued the following statement: "It's a good day in our justice system when we can resolve a case like this with a plea bargain. In order to make people who hurt children accountable, we often must take them to trial, because they will rarely admit the truth. That takes a lot of resources, with no guarantee for the outcome. With Armstrong's guilty plea and waiver of appeal, justice came a little quicker for the children in this case. And our community can be assured that for the next few decades, at least, Sheena Armstrong will not be able to hurt any more children."

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