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## Registered Sex Offender Reaches Out to Victim Using Facebook Messenger

ABILENE, TX – On March 21, 2019, 54 year old Karl Craig was arrested at his north side residence after Police received a report that he was using Facebook messenger to contact a victim he sexually assaulted in 2000. Karl Craig is a registered sex offender and was convicted of sexual assault of a child in February of 2001. He was sentenced to 20 years, and has to register as a sex offender annually. He was released on parole in 2016 on mandatory supervision.

Abilene Police Cyber Crimes Detectives were able to establish communication with Karl Craig's Facebook account and confirm he was using a Facebook account that he had not registered. Abilene Police Cyber Crimes Detectives and Abilene Fraud Detectives took Karl Craig into custody after serving a search and arrest warrant at his residence for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registry, a third degree felony with a \$10,000 dollar bond. Karl Craig was also arrested for a parole violation with no bond.

He is currently being held at the Taylor County Jail.



Karl Craig (54 yoa)

Respectfully,  
Rick Tomlin  
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