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### **INFORMATION REGARDING JOINT KIDNAPPING/AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSUALT CASE ABILENE/FT. WORTH PD INVESTIGATION**

ABILENE, TX – On January 2nd and January 3, 2016, the Abilene Police Department received two independent runaway reports regarding two 13 year old females. The reports were received from each child's respective mother. Both runaways left notes for their parents.

The cases were assigned to a youth division investigator who began following up on potential leads. In the early phases of the investigation, APD detectives, assisted by the Taylor County Sheriff's Office, conducted interviews with friends and schoolmates of the runaways in Abilene and in Taylor County. Other leads regarding a possible sighting in Snyder, Texas, were investigated as well.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, APD received information from one of the mothers regarding a potential address in Ft. Worth where the children may have been. APD sent a teletype to Ft. Worth PD requesting an address be checked. FWPD responded and contacted the suspect, Robert Harris. The runaway teens were not located at the residence at that time.

On January 9, 2016, a second check of the residence in Ft. Worth was conducted by Ft. Worth PD. Both teens were located and taken into protective custody. Ft. Worth PD has charged the suspect with two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping. Those charges stem from events that occurred in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The Abilene Police Department is also conducting an Online Solicitation of a Minor investigation and will file appropriate charges after ensuring proper coordination with Ft. Worth PD.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Lynn Beard  
Abilene PD

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