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**RE:** Cause No.: 09-CR-2488-A  
State of Texas v. Juan Manuel Rivera – D.O.B. 06/18/1978

**Rivera sentenced to 25 years for Continuous Sexual Assault of a Child**

Brownsville, Texas – August 26, 2010 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County, announces today that Juan Manuel Rivera, 31, of Brownsville, Texas, was sentenced to 25 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division.

Assistant District Attorneys Oscar Guzman and Jonathan Gracia secured the conviction and presented evidence, exhibits, and arguments to the 107<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

The defendant Rivera entered a plea of no contest and was found guilty by the court on charges of continuous sexual assault of a child, a first degree felony. The defendant was sentenced to 25 years and will be required to register as a sexual offender.

“Child predators must be punished swiftly and harshly,” Chief First Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Mattingly said. “This defendant got what he deserved. Where he’s going there won’t be any 10-year-olds to prey upon.”

According to the Brownsville Police Department, Rivera sexually assaulted a 10-year-old victim beginning in December 2007 through August 2009. He was later arrested on August 12, 2009, when the child victim made an outcry. Rivera was indicted by a Cameron County grand jury on November 4, 2009.

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