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RE: Cause No.: 10-CR-966-E
State of Texas v. Leticia Ines – D. O. B. 02/28/1969

Brownsville Mom pleads Guilty to Injury to a Child

Brownsville, Texas – February 14, 2011 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County, announces today that Leticia Ines, 41, of Brownsville, Texas, pled guilty to injury to a child, a state jail felony, in the 357th Judicial District Court, and received a year sentence in the state jail.

“We are pleased with the outcome of this case,” County and District Attorney Armando R. Villalobos said. “The maximum punishment that Ines faced was up to two years and we feel comfortable with this plea agreement. She was not a proper candidate for probation, as she is currently homeless and jobless,” Villalobos said.

“The children have been placed with a foster family and are out of harms way,” Villalobos said. “Our goal was to ensure the future safety of the children.”

“Fortunately, there was no physical injury, the issue was more of a gross lack of parenting skills and the defendant’s inability to cope with a special needs child,” Villalobos said.

Assistant County and District Attorneys Maria DeFord and Brandy Bailey represented the State of Texas and presented exhibits and arguments with the plea agreement.

Ines was arrested by the Brownsville Police Department in February 2010 and was charged with injury to a child. Her husband, Alfredo, was also arrested and charged with injury to a child. According to police records, the Ines’ locked their 12-year-old daughter in a closet after school for approximately a year, letting her out only to use the restroom and to eat. Alfredo Ines, 44, of Brownsville, Texas, will be back in court for his trial February 22.

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