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JURY CONVICTS WOMAN OF CHILD MOLESTATION

On Wednesday, September 5, 2017, Miranda Renea Kelso, 25, of Arlington, Texas was found guilty by a jury of indecency with a child by contact and indecency with a child by exposure. Kelso videotaped herself on multiple occasions masturbating. On one of the videos, Kelso caused a child, under the age of 5, to touch her breast. In a second video, Kelso can be seen masturbating while the child is inches away from her.

On September 6, the jury returned a verdict of 2 years imprisonment on the indecency with a child by exposure and 3 years on the indecency with a child by contact. The Court ruled that the sentences would be run consecutively, for a total sentence of 5 years.

Kelso's defense to the charged crimes was that she was a victim of domestic violence who was coerced into victimizing the child and videotaping the offenses. The evidence at trial showed that Kelso was a practitioner of sado masochistic sexual practices, and that her alleged abuser was nowhere near the scene of her crime.

The case was tried by Assistant County & District Attorneys Lindy Beaty and Habon Mohamed.

After the trial, Ellis County & District Attorney Patrick Wilson issued the following statement:

"I want to thank the jurors for rejecting the outrageous and offensive claim put forth by the defense in this case. To claim domestic violence as a shield against child molestation is disrespectful to the real victim in this case and to all victims of domestic violence.

I want to thank my prosecutors and investigators for their work in this difficult case. I also want to give special recognition to Investigator Elizabeth Gladwell of the Waxahachie Police Department. She did a great job with a tough case. The citizens of Ellis County should be proud to know that she is serving them."

