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Phoenix Parents Indicted in Child Abuse Case

County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today that a grand jury has indicted Scott Bass (DOB 7/23/76) and Andrea Bass (DOB 3/18/78) in connection with the alleged abuse of their 14-year-old daughter.

The probable cause statement filed by Phoenix Police states that the victim escaped from a locked bathroom on January 24, 2010 and rode her bicycle to a business to request help. Police responded and were able to locate the residence where the alleged abuse occurred. The probable cause statement further alleges that the 14 year old victim was subjected to physical and psychological abuse as a form of discipline imposed by her parents during the two months prior to her escape. The probable cause statement also alleges similar prior incidents of abuse which occurred in 2009. Previously, the family lived at an apartment in Glendale, Az. After further investigation the Phoenix Police arrested both parents.

On February 11, a grand jury handed up an indictment which alleges that both parents committed: 3 counts of Child Abuse, each a Class 2 felony and 1 count of Kidnapping, a Class 2 felony.

Deputy County Attorney Frankie Grimsman and Danalyn Savage are prosecuting the case.

Thomas stated, "No one should suffer the conditions this young victim allegedly suffered. We will seek justice for her and to send a message to all that child abuse will not be tolerated."

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