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On November 19th, 2014, Ronald Glen Peel, 51, of Whitesboro, pled guilty to one charge of Indecency With a Child by Sexual Contact and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The sentence, handed down by 397th District Court Judge Brian Gary, was the product of a plea agreement Peel reached with the Grayson County District Attorney's Office.

On February 2nd, 2014, a 27 year old woman called the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and reported that her 6 year old daughter had returned home from a visitation with the child's father at a residence on Shadow Valley Road outside of Whitesboro and had told her mother that she had been touched by one of her uncles at the home. The mother told deputies that her ex-husband's current girlfriend had also reported that the girlfriend had witnessed inappropriate contact between the young girl and the uncle, who was Ronald Peel. Grayson County Investigator Catherine Craig interviewed the father's girlfriend, who reported that on a recent night, she walked into the living room and observed Peel in contact with the child in a manner that made the witness believe the child was being abused. The child was taken to the Grayson County Children's Advocacy Center for an interview in which she reported that Peel had sexual contact with her as the father's girlfriend had described. Peel was interviewed by law enforcement on several occasions and gave conflicting statements regarding his contact with the victim.

"It was very fortunate that the family members did the right thing and turned this case in as quickly as they did," said Grayson County District Attorney Joe Brown. "Too many times this behavior is kept within a family, and it is allowed to perpetuate itself through the generations."

Peel had previously pled guilty in 1998 to a charge of Indecency With A Child. Peel was under a life-long sex offender registration requirement.

Peel will not be eligible for parole until at least half of his sentence is served. Assistant District Attorney Jeremy Wood prosecuted the case. Peel was represented by Sherman attorney Don Hoover.