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On Monday, October 18, 2010, an eleven year old female was abducted and assaulted by a man in the 1100 block of Duncan Ave, while she was walking to her bus stop. On Friday, December 10, 2010, another female was kidnapped and assaulted by a man driving a dark colored vehicle in the area of Murphy and York, as she was walking to her bus stop.

Raul Aragonz Jr. an active duty Fort Hood soldier; was arrested on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, while officers were patrolling in the area of 14th St. and Attas Ave. On Friday, January 14, 2011, he was charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child for the December 10, 2010 incident and is currently in the Bell County Jail with a \$1,000,000 bond.

Today, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, the Bell County District Attorney's Office issued a complaint charging Raul Aragonz Jr. with a second charge of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child for the October 18, 2010 incident. This charge comes after DNA evidence was confirmed through the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab, linking Aragonz with this incident.

While Aragonz's arrest has stopped a serious threat to our children, there are other potential threats lurking that require our communities to remain on the alert. Child safety begins in the home, but it extends to the community when children are out walking through neighborhoods and along roadways. The communities of Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Fort Hood and the Killeen Independent School District, are working together to help keep our children safe.

"As a community we need to remain vigilant to ensure that when suspicious activity is noticed, area law enforcement is notified to ensure our children do not fall prey to someone wanting to cause them harm." said Chief Dennis Baldwin.

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