

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT
TEXARKANA

Matthew Riddle v. the State of Texas

Matthew Riddle v. State of Texas, No. 06-25-00089-CR (Tex. App.—Texarkana Jan. 30, 2026) (mem. op.) · No. 06-25-00089-CR · Decided January 30, 2026

SUMMARY

The Sixth Court of Appeals of Texas at Texarkana affirmed Matthew Riddle’s conviction for child grooming and the sentence of ten years’ imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. The court overruled his constitutional challenge to Texas Penal Code Section 15.032 as inadequately briefed, consistent with its reasoning in a companion appeal.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Sixth Appellate District of Texas at Texarkana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Scott E. Stevens; Justice van Cleef; Justice Rambin
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Sixth Appellate District of Texas at Texarkana
DECIDED	January 30, 2026
DOCKET	06-25-00089-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Riddle appealed his Bowie County jury conviction for child grooming and the resulting ten-year prison sentence and \$10,000 fine.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Matthew Riddle v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Riddle adequately briefed his constitutional challenge asserting that Texas Penal Code section 15.032 violated the First Amendment and was vague and overbroad.

HOLDINGS

1. Riddle's constitutional challenge was inadequately briefed and therefore was overruled.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A Bowie County jury convicted Matthew Riddle of child grooming under Texas Penal Code section 15.032. The jury assessed punishment at ten years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A jury in the 202nd District Court of Bowie County convicted Riddle of child grooming under Texas Penal Code section 15.032 and assessed punishment. On appeal, Riddle argued that section 15.032 was unconstitutional under the First Amendment and was vague and overbroad; the court overruled the issue as inadequately briefed and affirmed the judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

In the Court of Appeals Sixth Appellate District of Texas at Texarkana No. 06-25-00089-CR MATTHEW RIDDLE, Appellant V. THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee On Appeal from the 202nd District Court Bowie County, Texas Trial Court No. 24F0337-202 Before Stevens, C.J., van Cleef and Rambin, JJ. Memorandum Opinion by Chief Justice Stevens MEMORANDUM OPINION A Bowie County jury convicted Matthew Riddle of child grooming and assessed a punishment of ten years' imprisonment with a \$10,000.00 fine.

See TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 15.032 (Supp.). Riddle appeals from this conviction, as well as another conviction for child grooming in his companion appellate case numbered 06-25-00088-CR and a conviction for online solicitation of a minor in companion appellate case number 06-25-00090-CR. See *id.*; TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 33.021 (Supp.). Riddle's appeal in this case raises the same issue raised in his appeal from 06-25-00088- CR.

Specifically, Riddle argues that Section "15.032 is unconstitutional and [the] indictment[] under that statute should be dismissed because [it] violate[s] the first amendment [sic] and [is] vague and overbroad." For the same reasons discussed in 06-25-00088-CR, we overrule Riddle's point of error as inadequately briefed.

We affirm the trial court's judgment. Scott E. Stevens Chief Justice Date Submitted: January 29, 2026 Date Decided: January 30, 2026 Do Not Publish 2

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