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TYC youth to be released Friday

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The best present a mother could receive comes the day after Valentine's Day when she picks up her daughter from a Texas Youth Commission facility in Brownswood.

The girl, publicly thrust into the Texas Youth Commission saga for being allegedly molested in custody, is to be released Friday morning after spending more than 15 months in the youth prison.

A prison guard, Jaime Segura, 30, faces two felony counts of indecency with a child and two counts of official oppression stemming from documents and witness statements relating to the Paris youth.

"We plan to drive down Thursday night and be there bright and early as soon as they let her go," the mother said late Tuesday. She, her husband and two other siblings plan to make the trip.

"She has been wrung through the wringer down there because of the things she has gone through," the mother said.

But the mother said her daughter has a "good, positive attitude."

"She has taken responsibility for what she did," the mother said. Lamar County Judge Chuck Superville sent the youth to TYC after she violated probation on an arson charge for burning her family's home.

The mother contends her daughter did not mean to burn the house but was playing around and accidentally caught the house on fire.

"She panicked, left the house and went to school," the mother said.

The mother learned late last week her daughter's release was imminent.

"I have been on pens and needles for the past few weeks," the mother said earlier this week. "I knew she was supposed to be released but I got the official letter in my hands Friday and I am just ecstatic.

"I am just so ready to get there, pick her up and bring her home," the mother said. "I know that with our support she is going to be OK."

Because her daughter is behind in school due to confinement, the mother said Judge Chuck Superville has signed a release for her to attend GED classes at Paris Junior College.

“He gave her six or seven months to complete the program,” the mother said. “After that she said she wants to take some college courses.”

The mother also said her daughter is to receive counseling through the local Star Program.

“We are just going to focus on the good things and do what we can to help her be successful,” the mother said. “We are putting the past behind us and going forward.”

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