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Thousand Oaks Man Sentenced to Over 19 Years Prison for Child Molestation

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jose Guzman Avila (DOB 11/24/82), of Thousand Oaks, was sentenced by Judge Ryan Wright to 19 years 8 months prison for molesting a child.

In December 2016, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office was alerted to possible sexual assault crimes perpetrated by Avila against a minor child. Detectives began an investigation and determined that Avila had repeatedly sexually abused the victim for approximately three years, beginning when she was age 12.

On March 22, 2022, a jury convicted Avila of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14, and two counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child aged 14 or 15. The jury also found true special allegations that the victim was particularly vulnerable and that Avila had taken advantage of a position of trust to commit the offenses.

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