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Santa Paula Man Sentenced for Child Molestation

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Rodolfo Duran (DOB 07/31/95), of Santa Paula, was sentenced in Ventura County Superior Court to 34 years to life in prison. Duran previously pled guilty on April 6, 2023, to sodomy of a child 10 years of age or younger and forcible sodomy of a child under 14 years of age for conduct related to two separate victims. Duran also admitted to the special allegations that the crimes involved great violence, he took advantage of a position of trust, and the victims were vulnerable.

In 2018, one of the victims reported the crimes to her Santa Paula school teacher. Detectives quickly identified a second victim and established that Duran had molested them for years. While being interviewed by detectives from the Santa Paula Police Department, Duran confessed to the allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Moreno, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The victims in this case demonstrated incredible courage by reporting the unimaginable abuse they suffered at the hands of the defendant," Moreno said. "It is my hope that today's sentence provides them with a sense of closure and justice while also sending a clear message that child sexual abuse will not be tolerated in Ventura County."

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office takes allegations of sexual abuse seriously. We are committed to holding perpetrators of these crimes accountable and ensuring that victims receive the support and resources they need to heal.

Case: 2018016645

Defendant Information:

Rodolfo Duran (DOB 07/31/95)
Santa Paula

Charges pled to:

- PC 288.7(a) - Sodomy of a child 10 years of age or younger
- PC 286(c)(2)(B) - Forceful sodomy of a child under 14 years of age

Special Allegations

- 4.421(a)(1) - Crime involved great violence
- 4.421(a)(11) - Defendant took advantage of a position of trust
- 4.421(a)(3) - Victim was vulnerable

Sentence:

25 years to life plus 9 years (34 years to life)

