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### Oxnard Man Receives Maximum Sentence for Lewd Acts on a Minor

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Victor Villanueva Legaria (DOB 06/13/90), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 10 years 8 months prison, the maximum possible sentence. Legaria was previously convicted by a jury on July 20, 2023, of two felony counts of lewd acts on a child under the age of 14, and one felony count of lewd acts on a child aged 14 or 15. The jury also found true the special allegations that Legaria took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offenses and that the victim was particularly vulnerable.

Legaria, who shared a home with the victim, sexually abused her multiple times between 2016 and 2020. According to the testimony, the victim was just 11 years old when the abuse began. In 2020, the victim reported the abuse to a family member and the Oxnard Police Department was called. Responding patrol officers and detectives with the Oxnard Police Department Family Protection Unit investigated the crimes.

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

"I'm glad the court sent the message that child molestation will not be tolerated in Ventura County," DDA Atmore said. "Although the sentence is exactly what we hoped for, it only represents one step toward healing the trauma suffered by the victim."

**Case: 2021022504**

**Defendant Information:**

Victor Villanueva Legaria (DOB 06/13/90)  
Oxnard

**Charges Convicted of:**

- PC 288(c)(1) – Lewd act upon a child age 14 or 15
- (2 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child 14 years or younger

**Special Allegations:**

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust

