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High School Coach Pleads Guilty to Sex Crimes with Student

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on October 17, 2023, Aaron James Mora (DOB 04/14/98), of Oxnard, pled guilty to one felony count of sending harmful matter to a child. He also admitted to the special allegations that the victim was vulnerable and that he took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense.

Mora, a track coach at Oxnard's Pacifica High School in 2022, began text messaging with an underaged female student on the team. He then sent inappropriate sexual images of himself to the victim and also received images from the victim.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Edward Andrews, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The victim was courageous in reporting this abuse," said Andrews. "Our coaches occupy positions of trust, which the defendant abused terribly. I hope that his upcoming sentencing sends a message that we protect our kids and there are serious consequences for both electronic and real-life manipulation of children."

Mora is scheduled for sentencing on December 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He is currently out on \$50,000 bail.

Case: 2022025012

Defendant Information:

Aaron James Mora (DOB 04/14/98)
Oxnard

Charges pled to:

- PC 288.2(a)(2) – Sending harmful matter

Special Allegations

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – The victim was particularly vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) - The defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense