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Ventura Transient Convicted of Sexual Abuse, Rape of a Child

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jameson Paul Johnson (DOB 11/12/82), a transient from Ventura, was convicted by a jury on March 1, 2024, of 13 felony counts for sexual offenses committed against a child. The convictions included six counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child, six counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, and one count of forcible rape. The jury also found true special allegations connected to various counts, including allegations that the crimes involved great violence, the victim was particularly vulnerable, and Johnson engaged in substantial sexual conduct with the victim.

Today, a judge found true additional special allegations and enhancements during a court trial.

Johnson met the victim around 2005, when she was 10 years old. Both were transient and living in Ventura. The sexual abuse started when the victim was 11 years old and continued until she was 15 years old. The abuse stopped when Johnson was arrested for criminal threats made against the victim and her mother.

The victim reported the sexual abuse in 2016, when Johnson sent her threatening letters from prison. At that time, the Ventura Police Department initiated an investigation that resulted in the defendant's arrest for the charged offenses in 2018.

Supervising Deputy District Attorney Rafael Orellana, of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office General Trials Unit, prosecuted the case.

"I am deeply grateful to the jury for their attention and thoughtful deliberation in this case," Mr. Orellana said. "Although justice for this victim was long delayed, their verdict means that it was not ultimately denied. The defendant will now be held responsible for the horrific crimes he perpetrated against the victim."

Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced on April 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 27 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He faces a maximum prison sentence of an indeterminate term of 90 years to life plus an additional determinate term of 21 years.

Case: 2018021371

Defendant Information:

Jameson Paul Johnson (DOB 11/12/82)

Transient from Ventura

Convicted of:

- PC 269(a)(5) – Aggravated sexual assault of a child
- (6 counts) PC 288(b)(1) – Forcible lewd act upon a child
- (2 counts) PC 269(a)(1) – Aggravated sexual assault of a child
- (2 counts) PC 269(a)(3) – Aggravated sexual assault of a child – sodomy
- PC 269(a)(4) – Aggravated sexual assault of a child – oral
- PC 261(a)(2) – Forcible Rape

Special Allegations:

- PC 801.1(a)(1) – Victim under 18 years of age
- PC 667.6(d) – Consecutive sentence imposed
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – The defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society
- CRC 4.421(b)(2) - The defendant's prior convictions as an adult or sustained petitions in juvenile delinquency proceedings are numerous or of increasing seriousness
- CRC 4.421(b)(4) - The defendant was on probation, mandatory supervision, post release community supervision, or parole when the crime was committed
- CRC 4.421(b)(5) - The defendant's prior performance on probation, mandatory supervision, post release community supervision, or parole was unsatisfactory
- PC 1203.066(a)(8) – Substantial sexual conduct

