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## Ventura Chiropractor Charged with Sexual Battery

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Dr. Fernando Juarez Gomez, Jr. (DOB 12/09/80), of Oxnard, has been charged with eight felony counts of sexual battery by fraudulent misrepresentation. He is also charged with special allegations that he took advantage of a position of trust or authority.

On March 21, 2024, Ventura Police Department officers served an arrest warrant on Gomez, Jr. at his chiropractic office in Ventura. The arrest resulted from two separate sexual battery reports. Further investigation and a call for other possible victims to come forward led to charges pertaining to three additional victims who accused Gomez, Jr. of sexual battery while they sought his chiropractic care.

Gomez, Jr. pled not guilty to all counts at today's arraignment.

Deputy District Attorney Rikole Kelly, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Gomez, Jr. is scheduled for his next court appearance on April 11, 2024, for bail review. An early disposition conference is also scheduled for May 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 11 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Gomez, Jr. was allowed to remain out of custody on his \$40,000 bond pending the bail review, under the condition that he cannot work as a chiropractor or personal trainer while the case is ongoing.

**Case: 2024007681**

**Defendant Information:**

Fernando Juarez Gomez Jr. (DOB 12/09/80)  
Oxnard

**Charge with:**

- (8 counts) PC 243.4(c) – Sexual battery by fraudulent misrepresentation

**Special Allegations:**

- CRC 4.421(A)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust or authority