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Oxnard Man Sentenced to 152 Years to Life for Child Sexual Abuse

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Omar Cruz-Hernandez (DOB 07/02/85), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 152 years to life in state prison. Cruz-Hernandez was previously convicted by a jury on August 2, 2024, of seven felony counts of child sexual abuse. The convictions included felony counts of forcible rape, engaging in sexual intercourse with a child under ten, committing lewd and lascivious acts upon a child, and continuous sexual abuse of a child. The jury also found true the allegation that Cruz-Hernandez sexually assaulted multiple victims.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Kern, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The defendant committed unspeakable acts of sexual abuse against multiple vulnerable children," Mr. Kern said. "While nothing will ever undo the harm that the defendant inflicted, I hope this sentence provides even a small amount of closure to the victims and allows their healing process to continue. This sentence also demonstrates that these crimes will not be tolerated in our community and ensures that the defendant will never harm another child."

On June 23, 2023, Oxnard Police Department detectives responded to a report of child sexual abuse. One victim reported that she had been the victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of the defendant since she was ten years old. Another victim later disclosed that she had been a victim of sexual abuse at the hands of the defendant since she was seven years old. Cruz-Hernandez gained access to the victims through a familial relationship.

Case: 2023016056

Defendant Information:

Omar Cruz-Hernandez (DOB 07/02/1985)

Oxnard

Charges convicted of:

- PC 288.7 – Engaging in sexual intercourse or sodomy with child 10 years of age or younger
- PC 288.5 – Continuous sexual abuse
- PC 261(a)(2) – Rape by force, fear, or threats
- PC 288(c) – Lewd or lascivious act: child 14 or 15 years
- (3 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd or lascivious act: child under 14 years

