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Oxnard Man Sentenced to 480 Years to Life for Child Molestation

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Marcelino Arias Arca (DOB 06/19/56), of Oxnard, was sentenced on April 7, 2025, to 480 years to life in state prison for molesting two child victims. Arca was previously convicted by a jury on March 5, 2025, of six felony counts of lewd acts upon a child. The jury also found true a special allegation that there were multiple victims. Arca admitted other special allegations including two prior strike convictions for molestation in 1988.

Between 2005 and 2014, Arca molested two victims who were under the age of 14. The abuse happened in multiple locations over several years. Both victims reported the abuse to a trusted family member years later. He gained access to the victims through a familial relationship.

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

“Decades ago, this defendant went to prison for sexually abusing a child. When given a second chance, he chose not to change—instead, he went on to sexually abuse two more children, this time within his own family,” Mr. Moreno said. “This sentence reflects the severe and lasting harm he caused and sends a clear message that child sexual abuse will not be tolerated, especially by repeat offenders.”

Case: 2022010334

Defendant Information:

Marcelino Arias Arca (DOB 06/19/56)

Oxnard

Charges convicted of:

- (6 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child

Special Allegations found true & admitted:

- PC 667.61(d)(1) – Aggravated circumstances/prior conviction
- PC 667.61(e)(5) – Multiple victims
- PC 667S3 – Prior strike 3
- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony, prison eligibility
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior

