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Oxnard Man Sentenced for Violent Sexual Assault of Female Trucker

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jose Luis Meza Jr. (DOB 10/30/90), of Oxnard, was sentenced yesterday to 18 years 8 months in state prison for the sexual assault of a female truck driver. Meza Jr. pled guilty on September 29, 2025, to the felony charges of assault with intent to commit rape and forcible oral copulation. He also admitted several special allegations and aggravating factors, including the commission of a prior strike offense.

On September 14, 2020, the victim was asleep in the cab of her truck in an Oxnard industrial area when she was awakened by Meza Jr. entering her vehicle. Meza Jr. demanded money and then climbed into the sleeping area, where he physically restrained and sexually assaulted the victim. The victim resisted throughout the attack and was able to escape and run for help. She ran to a nearby business for help, while Meza Jr. fled the area.

Responding officers recovered surveillance video from a nearby business depicting victim's truck during the attack. The video showed the assailant exiting the victim's truck following the attack wearing a distinctive yellow sweatshirt and discarding a water bottle. Officers recovered the water bottle which was later tested by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Forensic Services Bureau. DNA consistent with Meza Jr.'s was identified. Additionally, Meza Jr. was contacted by police officers in unrelated incidents shortly before and shortly after the attack on the victim. In each of these contacts, Meza Jr. was wearing a yellow sweatshirt.

District Attorney Investigator Greg Webb assisted the Oxnard Police Department with the investigation, resulting in Meza Jr.'s arrest on August 13, 2024. The case against Meza Jr. was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Brent Nibecker. Webb and Nibecker are both members of the District Attorney's Ventura County Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (VCSAKI) team. Funding for VCSAKI allows the District Attorney's Office to devote resources to unsolved sexual assault cases.

“The hard work of our forensic scientist partners at the Sheriff’s Forensic Services Bureau has again brought justice to another victim who deserved it,” said Chief Deputy District Attorney Brent Nibecker. “Because of their commitment to the victim in this case, our community has been made safer.”

VCSAKI is a countywide effort that was launched in 2022 to test every sexual assault kit for the presence of DNA and investigate unsolved cases. The initiative is funded by grants awarded by the United States Department of Justice along with funding from the County of Ventura. More information on VCSAKI can be found at saki.venturacounty.gov, including regularly updated data on the status of sexual assault kit testing. Victims of past sexual assaults can also utilize this website to access support services including free counseling in some instances, or to get assistance in determining the status of their sexual assault kit.

Case: 2024022050

Defendant Information:

Jose Luis Meza Jr. (DOB 10/30/90)
Oxnard

Charges:

- PC 220 – Assault with intent to commit a felony
- PC 287(c)(2)(a) – Forcible oral copulation

Special allegations:

- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony, prison eligibility
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421 (b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct
- CRC 4.421 (b)(2) – The defendant’s prior conviction as an adult are numerous or of increasing seriousness
- CRC 4.421(b)(3) – The defendant has served a prior term in prison or county jail
- 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

