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Oxnard Man Sentenced To 22 Years for Child Molestation

VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Gregorio Santacruz (DOB 3/12/79), of Oxnard was sentenced to 22 years in state prison for molesting two young girls. In January of 2016, a 14-year-old female disclosed to her middle school art teacher that Santacruz had molested her on multiple occasions between the ages of 9 and 12 years old. After the victim's disclosure, school officials notified the Oxnard Police Department, who began interviewing witnesses and searching for additional victims. During their investigation, detectives identified a second victim who told detectives Santacruz repeatedly molested her in a similar manner between the ages of 6 and 12 years old. Santacruz pled guilty in November of 2019, to three counts of lewd conduct with a child under 14 years old and one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14.

On January 12, 2020, Ventura County Superior Court Judge David Hirsch ordered Santacruz to pay restitution to each victim in the amount of \$25,000, in addition to sentencing him to state prison. This case was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Sexual Assault and Family Protection Unit.

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