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Registered Sex Offender Sentenced to Prison for Possessing Child Sexual Abuse Material

VENTURA, California - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Cristian Ayala Ornelas (DOB 12/27/85), of Oxnard, was sentenced to four years in state prison for possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM) while registered as a sex offender.

On March 16, 2022, Ornelas's parole officer conducted a search of his cellular phone and found CSAM on the device. A subsequent forensic search of the phone revealed 15 videos of children engaged in sexual conduct. At the time of the search, Ornelas was required to register as a sex offender due to a prior conviction for distributing CSAM in August 2020.

This case was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit and investigated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Southern California High Tech Task Force.