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Former High School Coach Sentenced for Sex Crimes with Student

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Aaron James Mora (DOB 04/14/98), of Oxnard, was sentenced to two years prison and will be required to register as a sex offender for life. Mora previously pled guilty on October 17, 2023, to one felony count of sending harmful matter to a child. He also admitted to the special allegations that the victim was vulnerable and that he took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense.

Mora, a track coach at Oxnard's Pacifica High School in 2022, began text messaging an underage female student on the team and sent inappropriate sexual images of himself to the victim.

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

"It is critical that we protect children and vulnerable victims," Andrews said. "A coach is a position of trust and confidence, and Mora exploited his position for sexual abuse. I want to recognize the victim's courage and my hope is that lifetime sex offender registration will protect others in our community."

Case: 2022025012

Defendant Information:

Aaron James Mora (DOB 04/14/98)
Oxnard

Charges pled to:

- PC 288.2(a)(2) – Sending harmful matter

Special Allegations

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – The victim was particularly vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) - The defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense

