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Calabasas Man Convicted of Violent Child Molestation Against Two Victims

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Micah Lanere Smith (DOB 01/14/78), of Calabasas, was convicted by a jury on January 24, 2025, of molestation against two underage victims. Smith was found guilty of five felonies: two counts of lewd acts upon a child, one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14, and two counts of sexual penetration with force or fear. The jury came back on January 27, 2025 to decide special allegations and found true that crimes had been committed against multiple victims and that Smith took advantage of a position of trust.

Smith repeatedly molested two underage members of his household between 2006 and 2017. The crimes began just after the victims were six and nine years old, occurring at homes in Oxnard and Thousand Oaks. The present investigation began in early 2019 after Smith was involved in a domestic violence incident in Los Angeles County. The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

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

"When these victims should have been enjoying a normal childhood, they were instead subjected to sexual abuse at the hands of the defendant," Andrews said. "My hope is that the jury's recognition of their suffering brings the victims some closure."

Smith is scheduled to be sentenced on March 27, 2025, at 9 a.m. in courtroom 24 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He faces a maximum of 66 years to life in state prison. Smith remains in custody at the Ventura County Jail without bail.

Case: 2019014671

Defendant Information:

Micah Lanere Smith (DOB 01/14/78)

Calabasas

Charges:

- (2 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child
- (2 counts) PC 289(a)(1)(A) – Sexual penetration with force/violence/duress/menace or fear
- PC 288.5(a) – Continuous sexual abuse

Special Allegations:

- PC 667.61(c) – More than one victim
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit the offense

