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Ventura County Man Arrested, Charged for Child Molestation of Multiple Victims

VENTURA, Calif. – Investigators with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation arrested Leonel Galindo Galindo (DOB 03/20/89), of Ojai, for lewd acts upon two child victims. Galindo was taken into custody outside of his work without incident on May 29, 2025. He is charged with eight felony counts of lewd acts upon a child, along with special allegations of molesting multiple victims and taking advantage of a position of trust. Galindo made his first appearance today in Ventura County Superior Court, where he pled not guilty to all charges.

Galindo is accused of molesting two victims under the age of 14 on multiple occasions. The alleged conduct happened between 2018 and 2020 in Santa Paula. He had access to the victims through a familial relationship.

"The protection of children is our highest priority," Chief Investigator Scott Whitney said. "This arrest reflects the dedication of our investigators and their commitment to seeking justice."

The investigation into Galindo was conducted by the Bureau of Investigation's Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit. Senior Deputy District Attorney Brent Nibecker, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

The District Attorney's Office is interested in speaking with any witnesses or victims who may have witnessed wrongdoing perpetrated by Galindo. Individuals with information are encouraged to contact District Attorney Investigator Yumi Kirk at (805) 477-1638.

Galindo will be back in court for a bail review hearing on June 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody at the Ventura County Main Jail with bail set at \$2.4 million.

Case: 2025012575

Defendant Information:

Leonel Galindo Galindo (DOB 03/20/89)

Ojai

Charges:

- (8 counts) PC 288(a) - Lewd act upon a child

Special Allegations:

- PC 667.61(c)/(e)(4) – Multiple victims
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence