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Santa Paula Man Convicted of Rape and Child Molestation of Multiple Victims

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Martin Herrejon Vieyra (DOB 11/06/67), of Santa Paula, has been convicted of rape and child molestation in a case involving multiple victims over several decades. The jury found Vieyra guilty of eight felony charges: rape by force, foreign object penetration, and six counts of lewd acts upon a child. Several special allegations and aggravating factors were also found true, including that there were multiple victims and the victims were particularly vulnerable.

Vieyra molested two victims over the course of many years. The abuse of the first victim occurred between 1996 and 2005. The other victim suffered abuse from 2012 to 2020, before disclosing the conduct in 2022. Both were minors under the age of 14 at the time of the abuse. Vieyra had access to these young victims through a familial relationship. After learning of the abuse against the two victims, a third victim came forward in February of 2025. Vieyra raped her in 1991 when he was living in the same household with her family.

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

"The passage of time does not erase the harm caused by sexual violence, nor does it diminish the responsibility of those who commit it," Mr. Gardner said. "After a full jury trial, the verdict affirms that justice can still be achieved and that survivors deserve to be heard, believed, and protected—no matter how many years have passed."

In October 2024, investigators with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office began investigating a child molestation case in which Vieyra was the suspect. The Santa Paula Police Department was the originating agency in the investigation. Additional investigative work was completed by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, which led to the arrest of Vieyra.

Vieyra is scheduled to be sentenced on February 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 25 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Vieyra remains in custody and bail was revoked following the verdict. He faces 110 years to life, plus 16 years in state prison.

Case: 2025003806

Defendant Information:

Martin Herrejon Vieyra (DOB 11/06/67)
Santa Paula

Charges convicted of:

- PC 261(2) – Rape by force
- PC 289(a) – Foreign object penetration
- (6 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child
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Special allegations found true:

- PC 803(f) – Statute of limitations – sex crimes
- PC 667.61 (e)(5) – Multiple victims
- PC 1203.066(a)(7) – Multiple victims 288, 288.5
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust
- PC 667.61(j)(2) – Victim under age 14

