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**Oxnard Man Sentenced to Life in Prison Without Parole
for Molestation & Rape of a Child**

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jesus Gonzalez-Arteaga (DOB 05/13/81), of Oxnard, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole (LWOP), along with additional consecutive prison terms totaling more than 91 years to life. Gonzalez-Arteaga was previously convicted by a jury on April 9, 2026, of six felony counts related to the molestation and rape of a child. The convictions included continuous sexual abuse, three counts of unlawful acts with a child 10 years and under, forcible rape, and possession of child sexual abuse material. The jury also found true all special allegations and aggravating circumstances, including that Gonzalez-Arteaga inflicted great bodily injury during the forcible rape, making the LWOP sentence mandatory.

Between 2018 and 2024, Gonzalez-Arteaga molested and raped a young victim continuously from the time she was six years old to eleven years old. The victim reported the abuse to a trusted family member and eventually to police. Gonzalez-Arteaga gained access to the victim through a familial relationship and shared household.

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

"The sentence imposed today reflects the devastating and lifelong harm caused by the defendant's actions," Ms. Atmore said. "Even after being convicted, the defendant has refused to accept responsibility, continuing instead to blame the child he abused in a demonstration of his complete lack of remorse and accountability."

Case: 2024009166

Defendant Information:

Jesus Gonzalez-Arteaga (DOB 05/13/81)
Oxnard

Charges convicted of:

- PC 288.5(a) – Continuous sexual abuse
- (3 counts) PC 288.7(a) – Unlawful act with child 10 years and under
- PC 261(a)(2) – Forcible rape
- PC 311.11(a) – Possession or control of child sexual abuse material

Special allegations found true:

- PC 288.5(a) – Substantial sexual conduct
- CRC 4.41(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – The defendant took advantage of a position of trust
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) – The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, and professionalism
- PC 667.61(d)(6) – Personally inflict great bodily injury
- PC 12022.8 – Sexual offenses inflicting or threatening bodily injury
- PC 667.61(d)(7) – Sex crimes aggravated circumstances
- PC 667.61(j)(1) – Victim under age 14
- PC 667.6(d)(1) – Prior consecutive sentence imposed

