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Santa Paula Man Convicted of Child Molestation Charges

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jaime Torres (DOB 05/25/84), of Santa Paula, was convicted by a jury on June 24, 2026, of child molestation. Torres was found guilty of continuous sexual abuse, aggravated sexual assault of a child, and lewd acts upon a child. All aggravating factors were found true, which included the victim being particularly vulnerable and Torres taking advantage of a position of trust.

Between 2012 and 2018, Torres continuously molested the female victim who was under the age of 14. The victim reported the abuse in 2019 to a trusted family member. Torres was known to the victim, and the abuse happened at homes the two shared in Oxnard and Santa Paula.

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

"I'm grateful to the jury for the time and care they devoted to this difficult and emotional case," Mr. Moreno said. "Their verdict holds the defendant accountable for the harm he caused and brings long-overdue justice to the victim and her family. I hope it gives them the closure they deserve."

Torres is scheduled to be sentenced on July 27, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 26 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He was remanded into custody following the verdict and faces a maximum of 31 years to life in state prison.

Case: 2020033595

Defendant Information:

Jaime Torres (DOB 05/25/84)

Santa Paula

Charges convicted of:

- PC 288.5 – Continuous sexual abuse
- PC 269(a)(1) – Aggravated sexual assault of a child
- PC 288(c)(1) – Lewd act upon a child

Special allegations found true:

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – The defendant took advantage of a position of trust

