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Santa Paula Man Pleads Guilty to Child Molestation Charges

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Leonel Galindo Galindo (DOB 03/20/89), of Santa Paula, pled guilty on June 22, 2026, to child molestation against two victims. Galindo pled guilty to eight counts of lewd acts upon a child and admitted the aggravating factor that he took advantage of a position of trust and confidence.

Galindo molested two victims under the age of 14 on multiple occasions. The alleged conduct happened between 2018 and 2020 in Santa Paula. Galindo was known to the victims, and the allegations occurred within the victims' home. The investigation into Galindo was conducted by District Attorney investigators from the Sexual Assault Family Protection Unit. He was arrested by investigators on May 29, 2025.

"Child molestation inflicts trauma that can endure for a lifetime." said Senior Deputy District Attorney Emily Reber, who prosecuted the case. "Thanks to the courage and persistence of the victims and their family, we were able to hold the defendant accountable. We hope that this conviction can help them to begin their journey towards healing."

Galindo is scheduled to be sentenced on July 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody with bail set at \$2.4 million. Galindo is expected to be sentenced to 22 years in state prison.

Case: 2025012575

Defendant Information:

Leonel Galindo Galindo (DOB 03/20/89)
Santa Paula

Charges pled guilty to:

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

Special allegations admitted:

- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence

