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Port Hueneme Man Sentenced to Prison for Child Molestation

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Mathew Gomez (DOB 05/21/86), of Port Hueneme, was sentenced on July 15, 2026, to 22 years in state prison for child molestation. Gomez previously pled guilty on June 15, 2026, to three felony counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child, one felony count of unlawful transfer of a firearm, and possession for sale of a controlled substance. Gomez also admitted to the aggravating factor of the victim being particularly vulnerable.

Between April 2021 and May 2023, Gomez sexually assaulted the minor victim dozens of times. The abuse happened at a home they shared in Moorpark and at another residence where Gomez lived in Port Hueneme. The victim revealed the abuse to a trusted adult and law enforcement was called. Gomez was located by deputies with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and taken into custody. During a search of his vehicle, deputies found a significant amount of drugs, drug paraphernalia and an unregistered semi-automatic pistol with a high-capacity magazine.

Deputy District Attorney Morgan Luna, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The courage it took for this victim to come forward ended years of abuse and ensured the defendant would be held accountable," Ms. Luna said. "This sentence reflects the seriousness of these crimes and our commitment to protecting children and seeking justice for survivors."

Case: 2023017839

Defendant Information:

Mathew Gomez (DOB 05/21/86)

Port Hueneme

Charges pled guilty to:

- (3 counts) PC 288(b)(1) - Forcible lewd acts upon a child
- PC 27545 – Unlawful transfer of firearm
- HS 11351 – Possession for sale of a controlled substance

Special allegations:

- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable

