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Santa Paula Man Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison for Child Molestation

VENTURA Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Leonel Galindo Galindo (DOB 03/20/89), of Santa Paula, was sentenced to 22 years in state prison for molesting two minor victims. Galindo previously pled guilty June 22, 2026, 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.

“The defendant relied on silence and fear to shield him from accountability,” said Senior Deputy District Attorney Emily Reber. “But the courage of the survivors proved stronger than both. This sentence reflects their strength and the justice they fought so hard to obtain.”

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.

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

