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Moorpark Man Charged with Molestation of Young Child

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Maurisio Tapia (DOB 01/30/00), of Moorpark, has been charged with four felony counts of child molestation. Tapia is charged with sodomy, sexual penetration, and two counts of oral copulation, all with a child under 10 years old. He also faces two factors in aggravation: taking advantage of a position of trust and the victim being particularly vulnerable.

Tapia was arraigned today in Ventura County Superior Court and pled not guilty to all charges.

Tapia is accused of molesting a child under the age of 10 over several months in 2026 and on numerous occasions. The abuse allegedly happened at a home in the city of Moorpark. Tapia had access to the victim through a familial relationship. The victim reported the alleged abuse to a trusted family member.

Tapia is the frontman for local indie rock band, Los Retros.

“Crimes involving the sexual exploitation and abuse of children are particularly disturbing and demand a vigorous response,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “We are committed to seeking justice for victims and sending a clear message that the sexual abuse of children will not be tolerated in Ventura County.”

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

Tapia is scheduled for a bail review on October 29, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. An early disposition conference is scheduled for December 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. He remains in custody with bail set at \$3 million.

Case #: 2026029654

Court # 26CF102328

Defendant Information:

Maurisio Tapia (DOB 01/30/00)

Moorpark

Charges:

- PC 288.7(a) – Unlawful act with a child 10 years old or under (sodomy)
- PC 288.7(b) – Unlawful act with a child 10 years old or under (oral copulation) (2 counts)
- PC 288.7(b) – Unlawful act with a child 10 years old or under (sexual penetration)

Special allegations:

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