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Gonzalez Found Guilty of Engaging in Lewd and Lascivious Acts with Minor
People v. Juan Gonzalez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF192825A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a sex crime conviction. On December 5, 2023, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael A. Morea, a Kern County jury found Juan Gonzalez guilty of two counts of engaging in lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 years old and one count of contacting a minor to commit sexual offenses.

In December of 2022, 29-year-old Gonzalez began a sexual relationship with a 13 year-old minor after meeting her at a party. In multiple instances from December 5, 2022, to December 12, 2022, Gonzalez parked his truck outside the minor's house early in the morning and contacted her to come outside, whereupon they would engage in sexual acts inside the vehicle. During an investigation conducted by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Gonzalez admitted that he had engaged in sexual relations with the juvenile.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "It is vital that we protect our most vulnerable from child predators in our community. I am grateful that this conviction will prevent another innocent child from becoming his next victim."

Sentencing is set for January 4, 2024, before Superior Court Judge Judith Dulcich. Gonzalez faces up to nine years in prison.

Juan Gonzalez:

