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Ceja Found Guilty of Sexually Abusing Child for Years
People v. Arcadio Cuahtemoc Ceja: Kern County Superior Court Case BF182940A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction. On March 26, 2024, a Kern County jury found Arcadio Cuahtemoc Ceja guilty of three counts of Sexual Intercourse of a Minor 10 Years or Younger, one count of Sexual Penetration of a Minor 10 Years or Younger, one count of Oral Copulation of a Minor 10 Years or Younger, two counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Minor Under 14, and one count of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Minor Aged 14 or 15. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brad Taconi.

On October 24, 2020, the victim revealed that she had been continuously sexually assaulted by Ceja. The victim described a pattern of sexual abuse that started when she was six years old. Ceja groomed the victim, starting with touching of the breasts and buttocks while commenting to the victim that she was sexy. When the victim was about 8 years old, Ceja began touching her vagina. His behavior ultimately culminated in him orally copulating the victim, digitally penetrating her, and forcing her to have sexual intercourse with him. In total, the defendant engaged in over 100 lewd and lascivious acts and dozens of sexual acts with the victim over an 8-year time span.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “I commend the victim for her bravery and having to relive her trauma and face her abuser at court. Ceja’s horrendous acts demand the maximum punishment.”

Sentencing is scheduled for April 24, 2024, before the Honorable Judith K. Dulcich in Department 2 of the Kern County Superior Court. Ceja faces a sentence of 116 years and 4 months to life in prison.

Arcadio Ceja:

