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Tehachapi DJ Found Guilty of Sexually Abusing Four Children
People v. Roy Kirk: Kern County Superior Court Case MF012675A

(Bakersfield) - District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant sexual abuse jury conviction. On April 24, 2024, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Samantha Allen, a Kern County jury found Roy Michael “Mike” Kirk guilty of four counts of sexual abuse of a child against four separate victims.

Kirk, a well-known DJ in Tehachapi, CA, took advantage of several of his friendships by ingratiating himself with the parents of young girls. From 2004 to 2012, Kirk molested four female children between the ages of 5 and 11. Three of the victims underwent sustained, continuous sexual abuse at the hands of the defendant. An initial report to Tehachapi Police Department in 2009 from one of the victims went uninvestigated. Law enforcement again became involved in 2016 when a second victim reported the abuse to an aide at her school. Kirk was arrested and has remained in custody since June 22, 2017. During the investigation, a third victim was found. In 2021, while Kirk was awaiting trial for his crimes against the first three victims, a fourth victim disclosed the abuse she endured when her mother was subpoenaed to testify on Kirk’s behalf at his trial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “It is common for child predators to gain access to a child by using their power to silence and control them. While I’m glad these victims won’t ever suffer in the hands of Kirk again, it’s important to recognize the life-long healing journey ahead.”

A sentencing date will be set following the court trial on factors in aggravation, scheduled for April 29, 2024, in the Kern County Superior Court. Judge John Lua will be presiding in Department 5. Kirk faces a sentence of up to 100 years to life in prison.

Roy Kirk:

