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Jury Finds Marco Paiz Guilty of Sexual Abuse of Child
People v. Marco Paiz: Kern County Superior Court Case BF170962A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a case where a 47-year-old man was convicted of three counts involving the sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14.

On April 11, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder, a Kern County jury found defendant Marco Paiz guilty of one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years and two counts of lewd a lascivious act with a child under 14. The abuse occurred for several years when the child was 11-13 years old.

On January 17, 2018, the Kern County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to investigate a report of child abuse of a 13-year-old girl. The victim disclosed she was sexually abused by Paiz two to four times a week, every week, since she was 11 years old. During a pre-text phone call between the victim and Paiz, he asked her to lie about what she told people, begged her not to tell anyone, and promised he would never do it again.

Upon investigation, Sheriff detectives discovered a diary belonging to the victim with entries that described the sexual abuse. They also located a towel which was tested by the Kern County Regional Crime Lab, that returned with a positive match for Paiz's and the victim's DNA.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Cases like these are truly heartbreaking. The incidents are horrific, and it takes immense courage for victims to come forward, confront their perpetrator, and relive such painful trauma. This victim deserved to see accountability and to witness justice served."

Sentencing is set for May 8, 2025, before the Honorable Judge Eric Bradshaw in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court. Paiz faces up to 32 years in prison and will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Marco Paiz:

