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Jury Finds Kristopher Cruz Guilty of 27 Charges Relating to the Sexual Assault of a Minor
People v. Kristopher Cruz: Kern County Superior Court Case BF187816A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant trial verdict in a case involving the sexual assault of a child. On June 11, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Janae Knallay, a Kern County jury found Kristopher Cruz guilty of 27 felony counts of sexual assault of a child under 10, including sodomy, sexual intercourse, oral copulation, sexual penetration with a foreign object, and continuous sexual abuse of a child.

From May of 2020 through October of 2021, Cruz committed numerous sexual assaults against the minor victim. Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) examinations, a forensic exam to collect evidence of a sexual assault, corroborated the abuse. In addition, Cruz confessed to abusing the child.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “The crimes committed by Cruz are unspeakable, utterly inexcusable, and warrant the harshest penalties that the law can impose.”

Sentencing is set for August 20, 2025, in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court before the honorable Judge John Oglesby. Cruz faces 500 years to life in prison and sex offender registration.

Kristopher Cruz:

