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Jury Convicts Ridgecrest Man for Attempted Contact with a Minor for a Sexual Offense
People v. Arnold Oscar Danielson: Kern County Superior Court Case RF009277A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant verdict today. On November 3, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David L. Eller, a Kern County jury convicted Arnold Oscar Danielson, age 73, of Attempted Contact with a Minor for a Sexual Offense and Meeting with a person Believed to be a Minor for a Lewd Purpose.

In August of 2023, the Ridgecrest Police Department was engaged in a decoy operation to identify people who would contact and meet with minors to engage in sexual acts. On August 17, 2023, Danielson messaged one of the decoy profiles on a dating application involved in the operation. The detective was posing as a 16-year-old male.

Danielson was informed repeatedly by the decoy that the decoy was a “younger guy” and was underage. Daniel responded by saying “Young is fine with me, just gotta be DL (down low)” in reference to engaging in sex acts with the decoy.

Danielson told the decoy that he had multiple accessories for engaging in sex at his residence, and throughout the conversation described in detail the exact sex acts that he was going to engage in with the decoy. Danielson also shared explicit images of his genitals throughout the conversation. Eventually, Danielson proposed a meeting place with the 16-year-old decoy later that day where he intended to meet the decoy and engage in sex acts. Danielson was met at the meeting location by the Ridgecrest Police Department and was arrested.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 4, 2025 in Department 2 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Dulcich. Danielson faces up to 3 years 8 months in prison and will be ordered to register as a sex offender.

Arnold Oscar Danielson:

