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Reynoso Faces Life Sentence Following Guilty Verdict in Child Sexual Abuse Case
People v. J. Armando Reynoso: Kern County Superior Court Case 26BFA00008

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant verdict in a case involving a continuous child sexual abuse in Bakersfield, California.

On September 22, 2026, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jamila Ha, a Kern County jury convicted J. Armando Reynoso, age 40, of nine felony counts including: Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, and Lewd Acts Upon a Child. Four of the convictions carry a life sentence.

On December 31, 2025, the victim reported sexual abuse by Reynoso that began when the victim was twelve years old. Reynoso repeatedly engaged in sexually inappropriate touching and forcibly engaged in sexual intercourse with her on multiple occasions over three years. During a subsequent interview by Kern County Sheriff's Detectives, Reynoso admitted to many of the crimes he committed.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "It can be incredibly difficult for a crime victim to relive their trauma throughout the criminal justice process. We hope that after enduring this difficult process, this verdict can provide the victim with some sense of safety and closure."

Sentencing is set for October 28, 2026, before the Honorable Judge Charles R. Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Reyes faces up to 60 years to life in prison.

J. Armando Reynoso: