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RE: Jury Trial Conviction: Sexual Child Abuse: Armando Villanueva, Case # DF 012944 A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a child molestation case involving multiple child victims today. On December 12, 2019, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Esther Schlaerth, a Kern County jury convicted defendant Armando Villanueva of 8 felony counts of lewd and lascivious act with a child under 14 years of age (PC 288(A)) and 2 felony counts of oral copulation with a child under the age of 14 years (PC 288A(C)(1)).

The victims were eight children that attended a home daycare operated by the defendant and his wife. The victims were molested between 2006 and 2016 at the home daycare premises and their ages ranged from 3 years old to 12 years old.

Sentencing is set for January 9, 2020. The defendant faces a potential life sentence and mandatory sex offender registration.

Advised of the conviction, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: "The abuse of children by those entrusted with their care will not be tolerated in our community. Abuse of any child is unacceptable, and this case included multiple child victims. The District Attorney's Special Victims Unit is focused on bringing child predators to justice, and this week's conviction is representative of their continuing efforts."

Armando Villanueva:

