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Re: Guilty Verdict, People v. Richard Victoria, MF013928A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict of guilty in a significant case this week. On June 9, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Kacie Barrier, a Kern County jury found defendant Richard Victoria guilty of multiple counts of lewd and lascivious acts with force on a child under 10 years old as well as convictions involving the distribution of child pornography.

The crime was discovered in October of 2019 when the United States Department of Homeland Security found that images of a child being sexually assaulted were sent by defendant Richard Victoria via Facebook Messenger. The images showed defendant Richard Victoria sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl on numerous occasions between September 2018 and September 2019. Defendant Victoria traded these photographs over the internet for images of child pornography from other offenders.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer stated, "I cannot think of acts more heinous than an adult male photographing himself committing forcible intercourse and sodomy on a five-year old child and then distributing the child pornography on the internet. These crimes justify a sentence that would place this child molester in prison for the rest of his life. I am in awe of the resiliency and courage of this five year old child victim who survived these attacks. We greatly appreciate the work of the Department of Homeland Security in their work in discovering child predators and bringing them to justice."

Defendant Richard Victoria is facing 115 years to life in state prison. His sentencing is scheduled for July 15, 2021 before Kern County Superior Court Judge John Brownlee.