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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant case involving the sexual abuse of a child today.

On June 14, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Nicholas Lackie, a Kern County jury convicted Jaime Mora, age 55, of three separate counts, including Oral Copulation of a Child 10 Years or Younger, Sexual Penetration of a Child 10 Years or Younger, and Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child Under 14. The court declared a mistrial as to a fourth count, Lewd and Lascivious Act Against a Child Aged 14 or 15, because the jury was unable to reach a unanimous decision as to that count.

The charges on which the defendant was convicted involved the sexual abuse of a girl who was between the ages of four and seven at the time of the incidents, which took place on numerous occasions during that time period. Now 18 years old, she testified at the trial about the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of the defendant. Out of respect for her privacy and anonymity, the District Attorney's Office will decline to identify her or discuss her relationship with the defendant further.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said in connection with this case, "I admire the courage and strength that this young survivor of sexual abuse demonstrated by coming forward and telling her story. After years of silence and suffering, this verdict gives her the justice that she deserves."

Defendant Jaime Mora faces a possible sentence of 30 years to life, plus 16 years at his sentencing hearing on July 14, 2021, in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court, before the Honorable Gregory A. Pulskamp.