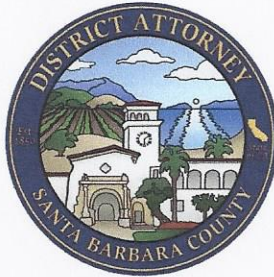


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**Re: The People v. Carlos Ruano**

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Carlos Ruano pled guilty to Felony False Imprisonment in violation of Penal Code section 236.

Mr. Ruano will be sentenced to one year in jail, be placed on three years of formal felony probation, ordered to have no contact with the victim and her family, and must comply with terms and conditions as ordered by probation.

Mr. Ruano had previously been charged with Lewd Act Upon A Child but that trial resulted in a "hung jury" with 9 jurors voting that he was guilty and 3 jurors voting he was not guilty.

The decision to forego a re-trial of this case was based upon the state of the evidence, as well as the wishes of the child victim and her family. Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Ladinig states, "I would like to commend the Santa Barbara Police Department for their hard work on this case, and I also note the bravery and perseverance of the child victim and her family throughout the process."

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