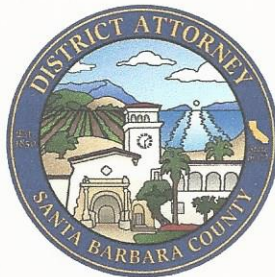


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Re: *The People of the State of California v. Hugo Alejandro Mendoza; Case #1424830*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced that today Hugo Alejandro Mendoza, age 26, was sentenced to 31 years in state prison for molesting two different girls under 11 years old.

On Monday, September 22, 2014, Hugo Mendoza pled guilty to four felony strike sex offenses: Forcible Lewd Act Upon Minor Victim #1 (Penal Code section 288(b)(1)); Forcible Lewd Act Upon Minor Victim #2 (Penal Code section 288(b)(1)); Continuous Sexual Abuse of Minor Victim #2 (Penal Code section 288.5(a); and, Forcible Oral Copulation of Minor Victim #2 (Penal Code section 288a(c)(2)(A)).

Mr. Mendoza was sentenced today, in Department 12, the Honorable Michael Carrozzo presiding. Parents of both victims were present and gave victim impact statements. In addition to the 31 years he will spend in state prison, Mr. Mendoza must: register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, stay away from the victims and their families for ten years, and pay restitution costs for therapy.

“An agreement was reached to the satisfaction of the Sheriff’s Department, the victims, and their parents,” stated Senior Deputy District Attorney Paula Waldman. Waldman continued, “With this resolution, we keep a child molester out of the public and away from children for the next 31 years without the necessity of a trial.”

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