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Re: *People v. Felix Nicolas*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Felix Nicolas, age 39, of Santa Maria was convicted, as charged, of 16 felony counts including solicitation to commit murder, aggravated sexual assault of a minor under the age of 14, oral copulation of a minor under the age of 14, rape of a minor under the age of 14, and attempted sodomy of a minor under the age of 14.

Nicolas sexually assaulted 3 girls who were between the ages of 9 and 13 at the time of the crimes.

While incarcerated in the Santa Barbara County Jail, Nicolas hired a fellow inmate to kill two of the victims who are currently ages 21 and 23. The inmate told a guard about the plan to kill the two victims. He assisted the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department in an investigation into the murder for hire.

Nicolas will be sentenced on December 18, 2013, in Santa Maria Superior Court. He faces up to 221 years in prison. District Attorney Dudley stated, "As a result of the bravery of the testifying witness, the exemplary investigative work on the part of the Santa Maria Police Department and Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, and eventual prosecution by Senior Deputy District Attorney Kevin Duffy, Nicolas will spend the rest of his life in prison and will never have the opportunity to harm another child."

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