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## Central Coast Man Convicted of Child Molestation

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office announced today that John Carillo Chavez (DOB 03/04/40), of Lompoc, was convicted on June 9, 2023, by a Ventura County jury of five felony counts of lewd conduct with a child under the age of 14. The jury also found true the allegation that there was substantial sexual contact with a victim under the age of 14. On June 12, 2023, the same jury found true the aggravating circumstances that Chavez took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense and that the victim was particularly vulnerable.

Chavez, already a convicted child molester from 1995, sexually abused the young victim at least five times at two locations in Ventura County between October 2001 and October 2002. The crimes were reported years later when the victim, now an adult, came forward and described the conduct. California Penal Code 801.1(a)(1) allows for the prosecution of specified sexual assault crimes any time prior to a victim’s fortieth birthday.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Reber, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The prosecution team is grateful for the extended statute of limitations for child molestation that allowed this prosecution," said Deputy District Attorney Reber. "But for the tremendous bravery of the victim, justice could not have been done."

Chavez is scheduled to be sentenced on July 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 46 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

**Case 2020029064**

**Defendant Information:**

John Carillo Chavez (DOB 03/04/40)

Lompoc

**Charges:**

- PC 288(a) – Lewd conduct with a minor (5 counts)

Special Allegations Found True:

- PC 801.1(a)(1) – Statute of limitations
- PC 1203.066(a)(8) – Substantial sexual conduct

Aggravating Factors Found True:

- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable

