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### Simi Valley Man Convicted of Lewd Acts Upon a Child

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Antonio Canseco (DOB 09/30/71), of Simi Valley, was convicted by a jury of two felony counts of lewd acts upon a child. The jury found true the special allegations of Canseco committing substantial sexual conduct. The remaining aggravating factors including taking advantage of a position of trust and the victim being vulnerable were found true by the judge.

On January 3, 2020, Canseco was caught molesting the eight-year-old victim. After the incident was reported to police, investigators with the Simi Valley Police Department were able to confirm additional lewd acts made by Canseco against the victim. The inappropriate touching began a year earlier when the victim was seven years old. He gained access to the victim through a familial relationship.

Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Moreno, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"I commend the jury for their unwavering dedication and resilience in this month-long trial," Mr. Moreno said. "Despite the defendant's attempts to obscure the truth, the jury carefully parsed through the web of lies and ensured the defendant was held accountable for harming an innocent child. Their commitment to justice is deeply appreciated."

Canseco is scheduled to be sentenced on January 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 48 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains free on bail pending sentencing and faces a maximum of 10 years in state prison.

**Case: 2021008601**

**Defendant Information:**

Antonio Canseco (DOB 09/30/71)

Simi Valley

**Charges:**

- (2 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child

**Special Allegations:**

- PC 1203.066(a)(8) – Substantial sexual conduct
- PC 784.7(a) – Ventura County has jurisdiction
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – The defendant took advantage of a position of trust