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Calabasas Man Sentenced for Child Molestation Against Two Victims

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Micah Lanere Smith (DOB 01/14/78), of Calabasas, was sentenced to 63 years to life in state prison. He was previously convicted by a jury on January 24, 2025, of molestation against two underage victims.

At trial, Smith was found guilty of five felonies: two counts of lewd acts upon a child, one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14, and two counts of sexual penetration with force or fear. The jury also found true special allegations that the crimes had been committed against multiple victims and that Smith took advantage of a position of trust.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Edward “Ted” Andrews, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

“The victims suffered years of abuse during their childhoods. The defendant, entrusted with their care, instead betrayed them through physical and sexual abuse,” Mr. Andrews said. “The jury recognized their suffering and held the defendant accountable, and the court has sentenced him to life. I hope this sentence assures the victims that he cannot molest others in the future and provides the victims a chance to begin healing. I commend the victims for their bravery in coming forward during the investigation and their courage in testifying during the trial.”

Smith repeatedly molested two underage members of his household between 2006 and 2017. The crimes began just after the victims were six and nine years old, occurring at homes in Oxnard and Thousand Oaks. The investigation began in early 2019 after Smith was involved in a domestic violence incident in Los Angeles County. The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Ventura County Sheriff’s Office.

Case: 2019014671

Defendant Information:

Micah Lanere Smith (DOB 01/14/78)

Calabasas

Charges:

- (2 counts) PC 288(a) – Lewd act upon a child
- (2 counts) PC 289(a)(1)(A) – Sexual penetration with force/violence/duress/menace or fear
- PC 288.5(a) – Continuous sexual abuse

Special Allegations:

- PC 667.61(c) – More than one victim
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – Defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit the offense

