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**Anthony Mariscal receives 50 year prison sentence for raping child**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 38-year-old Anthony Mariscal received a 50 year prison sentence on August 23, 2019 for raping a child and committing numerous other sex crimes against that child over a several year period beginning when she was approximately three years old.

“Anthony Mariscal sexually and emotionally abused the young victim for almost her entire childhood,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Amber Kinney, who prosecuted this case. “The victim endured the abuse for a decade, beginning when she was approximately three years old and living on the east coast. The damage caused by Mr. Mariscal deeply impacted and will continue to impact the victim and her entire family. We are amazed by her strength and the incredible courage she showed by sharing her story with 12 strangers. She is a hero and has made our community a safer place for children.”

This investigation started on May 23, 2017 when the victim’s mother and her children caught Mariscal in the act of sexually abusing the victim, according to testimony provided during the five-day trial.

“By all accounts that moment was frightening, traumatizing and chaotic,” said DDA Kinney. “Police were immediately called and the 9-1-1 recording was played for the jury. The call captured a desperate mother’s screams as she experienced deep pain and anguish.”

Members of the Portland Police Bureau’s Child Abuse Team and the Oregon Department of Human Services were notified about the abuse and immediately started an investigation. The victim was transported to Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) Doernbecher Children’s Hospital to receive immediate medical treatment.

On April 5, 2019, a jury unanimously found Mariscal guilty of a total of 38 counts, which includes 17 counts of sodomy in the first degree, 10 counts of rape in the first degree, 10 counts of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of sexual abuse in the third degree. Of the 38 counts, the jury found Mariscal guilty of at least nine separate criminal episodes.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office would like to recognize the patrol officers from the Portland Police Bureau’s North Precinct who initially responded to the 9-1-1 call, the Portland Police Bureau’s Child Abuse Team, including Portland Police Bureau Detective Stephen Gandy, the Oregon Department of Human Services, the staff at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, the staff at CARES Northwest and the many other individuals and organizations for their dedicated efforts investigating and assisting throughout this case.

It was through the coordination, communication and collaboration of the Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team that this case was investigated and prosecuted. The Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team includes representatives from local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team is responsible for reviewing and managing child abuse and neglect cases in Multnomah County. The team also handles all child homicides, felony child physical abuse cases, felony child abandonment cases, custodial interference cases, and felony sex crimes where the victim is currently under the age of 18 and where the perpetrator is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

CARES Northwest, Multnomah County’s child abuse assessment center, is a community-based medical program for the assessment, treatment and prevention of child abuse. The organization is one of the largest child abuse assessment centers in the nation and serves more than 5,000 children annually.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office recognizes Victim Advocates Libby Villa and Malia Bruni and former Victim Advocate Laurie Loudon for their tireless commitment to supporting the victim and her family throughout the criminal justice process.

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