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Mario Hernandez-Marquez receives a 375 month prison sentence for raping a child

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 50-year-old Mario Hernandez-Marquez received a 375 month prison sentence for raping, sexually abusing a child over a several year period.

“Mr. Hernandez-Marquez created the perfect climate for repeated abuse and trauma. The physical and emotional abuse toward the victim caused her to become ‘deathly’ afraid of him. She was unable to stop the sexual abuse, unable to report the abuse, and unable to stand-up against him,” said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Amber Kinney, who prosecuted this case. “The damage caused by Mr. Hernandez-Marquez may forever surround the victim and her family. It will be a lifelong journey for her and her family as she works through the confusion, pain, suffering, anxiety, depression, and rehabilitation.”

In January of 2020, a jury unanimously convicted Hernandez-Marquez of four counts of rape in the first degree and eight counts of sexual abuse in the first degree. The jury also returned a lawful guilty verdict of one count of sodomy in the first degree.

This investigation started in 2017 when the victim told a mandatory reporter that a person she knew, later identified as Hernandez-Marquez, had raped and sexually abused her. Law enforcement determined the sexual abuse occurred over several years in Multnomah County when the victim’s mother was out of the home at work or running errands.

The jury found that Hernandez-Marquez unlawfully and knowingly engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim when she was under the age of 12, and that he unlawfully and knowingly subjected her to sexual contact when she was under the age of 14 by touching a sexual intimate part of her body on multiple occasions between 2011 and 2013.

The victim testified at trial that Hernandez-Marquez sexually abused her over seven years of her childhood, starting when she was likely seven or eight years old.

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During this investigation, law enforcement learned the abuse started when the victim resided in Gresham, Oregon with her family and continued once they moved to a new residence in Fairview.

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, 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 Portland Police Bureau Detective Jonathan Hunt and Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Asboe for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

We also recognize District Attorney Victim Advocate Malia Bruni for the support and advocacy she provided the victim and her family throughout trial.

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