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Epifanio Jimenez-Lopez receives a 204 month prison sentence for raping a child

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 61-year-old Epifanio Jimenez-Lopez received a 204 month prison sentence for sexually abusing and raping a child.

On March 10, 2020, the court convicted Jimenez-Lopez of two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of rape in the first degree.

This investigation started in April of 2018 when the Portland Police Bureau's Child Abuse Team received information that Jimenez-Lopez was sexually abusing a 10 year old.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned Jimenez-Lopez was a friend of the victim's mother and that the victim had been living with him. During that time, Jimenez-Lopez used his position as a family friend to sexually abuse and rape the victim.

Law enforcement also learned that Jimenez-Lopez tried to discourage the victim from coming forward and reporting the abuse by telling her that he could "go to jail" if anyone found out. Jimenez-Lopez admitted to police that he molested the victim on three occasions.

"We want everyone – especially children and teens – to know that abuse of any type is not acceptable," said Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Chuck Mickley, who prosecuted this case. "It can be especially hard for a child to come forward and report a crime, especially when the perpetrator is someone they know. Children should be encouraged and reminded that it's okay to tell their parents, teachers, or another trusted adult about any touching or other behavior that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. We have a strong network of law enforcement agencies and support teams ready to help crime victims of all ages."

Upon release from prison, Jimenez-Lopez will be on post-prison supervision for 140 months. He will also have to register as a sex offender for life.

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.

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