



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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CORNELIO JIMENEZ SENTENCED TO 780 YEARS TO LIFE FOR 36 COUNTS OF CHILD MOLESTATION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Cornelio Jimenez (42, of Fresno), was sentenced today to 780 years to life after being convicted in March of numerous child molestation and child pornography charges, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

Mr. Jimenez, a registered sex offender, was convicted on March 7th by a Fresno County Jury of sexually assaulting two female victims, ages four (4) and seven (7). Mr. Jimenez was found guilty of thirty-four (34) felony counts of Lewd Acts on a Minor [P.C. § 288(a)], one (1) felony count of Possession of More Than 600 Images of Child Pornography [P.C. § 311.11(c)(1)], and one (1) felony count of Producing Child Pornography [P.C. § 311.4(c)]. Mr. Jimenez also had a prior "Strike" conviction for Attempted Child Molestation from the State of Washington in 1997.

Today, the Honorable Judge Arlan Harrell sentenced Mr. Jimenez to a term of 780 years to life in prison in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The defendant had faced a maximum sentence of up to 1,880 years in custody based upon the jury's verdicts.

After the sentencing hearing, Senior Deputy District Attorney Deborah Miller said "[w]hile I understand the Court's legal reasoning for not imposing the maximum sentence, I am disappointed that the defendant didn't get the max. His conduct was so egregious that he deserved every minute of the maximum sentence of 1,880 years. Fortunately, he won't be able to harm another child again."

Upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Mr. Jimenez will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

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