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CUPERTINO JUAREZ-HERNANDEZ CONVICTED
OF 25 COUNTS IN PROLIFIC CHILD SEX ABUSE CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On January 17, 2020, a jury found Cupertino Juarez-Hernandez guilty of 25 counts in relation to child sex abuse. Those convictions include multiple counts of first-degree sodomy, first-degree rape and using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct. On January 23, 2020, Mr. Juarez-Hernandez was sentenced to 55 years in prison by Judge Charles Bailey. Deputy District Attorney Chris Lewman prosecuted the case against the defendant.

Deputy District Attorney Lewman proved in court that the defendant sexually abused four children for many years. The abuse began when the victims were young children and continued into their teenage years.

The abuse came to light when one of the victims called police in May of 2019. The Washington County Sheriff's Office immediately began investigating and arrested the defendant. The victims were interviewed by experts at CARES Northwest where they gave additional information on the abuse they endured.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office would like to acknowledge the investigative work of Detective Mark Povolny of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. This office also commends the work of CARES Northwest and the Oregon Department of Human Services. Finally, this prosecution would not have been possible without the bravery shown by the victim in reporting the abuse to law enforcement.

The investigation revealed that two other adults known to the children also sexually abused them during the same time frame. The two other defendants in this case are set for trial in April and June.

Mr. Juarez-Hernandez will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentence.