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**ARTURO DIAZ-GUZMAN CONVICTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES RELATED TO CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE**

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On November 9, 2021, Arturo Diaz-Guzman, age 41, pleaded guilty to first-degree rape, first-degree attempted sexual abuse and three counts of first-degree sexual abuse. He was then sentenced to 15 years in prison by Washington County Circuit Court Judge Erik Buchér. Deputy District Attorney Chris Lewman prosecuted the case against the defendant.

On October 10, 2019, the defendant approached a 12-year-old girl after he spotted her at a communal garbage disposal area of an apartment complex in Hillsboro, Oregon. The defendant told the girl that she was beautiful and asked for a hug. She refused and attempted to leave the area to return home. That's when the defendant grabbed her from behind and pulled her towards a secluded area of the apartment complex.

Fortunately, the girl was able to break free. She ran home and called police immediately. Hillsboro police responded and were able to identify the defendant as the suspect in the case.

During the investigation of this case, additional victims came forward and reported historical sexual abuse by the defendant. The new information allowed this office to bring additional charges against Mr. Diaz-Guzman related to four additional victims.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to commend the victim in this case for her quick thinking and bravery in escaping this situation and the additional victims for having the courage to come forward. This office also acknowledges the work of the Hillsboro Police Department and CARES Northwest.

In addition to his prison sentence, the defendant was also ordered to register as a sex offender and to participate in a sex offender treatment program. He will also undergo five years of post-prison supervision upon his release.