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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **44-YEAR-OLD GREENFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON FOR HAVING SEX WITH A MINOR**

*People v. Jose Zarco; 18CR005843*

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Jose Zarco, age 44, a resident of Greenfield, to the upper term of four years in prison for engaging in sexual intercourse with a minor and committing sexual battery.

Jose Zarco lived with Jane Doe and her mother between October 2015 through March 2016. Jane Doe was under the age of sixteen years old at the time, and Zarco was between 40 to 41 years old. Jane Doe reported that she had sexual intercourse with Zarco numerous times when her mother was not home. Jane Doe stated that she consented to the sexual intercourse with Zarco. Later, Jane Doe recanted her statement and denied engaging in sexual intercourse with Zarco because she was concerned about Zarco getting into trouble. However, during an interview with law enforcement, Zarco admitted that he engaged in sexual intercourse with Jane Doe.

According to research into sexual assault victim behavior, it is common for victims of sexual abuse to recant or take back some or all of their allegation of abuse, especially when the victim is a minor and has a close relationship with the perpetrator.

In addition to his prison sentence, Zarco is required to register as a sex offender. Judge Hood also ordered Zarco not to have any contact with Jane Doe for a period of ten years, the maximum term under the law.

The case was investigated by Deputies John Burdick and Michael Davis from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, as well as Officers Cameron Phillips and Joseph Santiago from the Greenfield Police Department. Jane Doe was assisted by District Attorney Victim Advocate Mayra Sandoval.