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JURY FINDS SALINAS MAN GUILTY OF CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF TWO CHILDREN AND LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS CONDUCT WITH A THIRD CHILD

People v. Alexander Telcalco Cortez; 18CR007440

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on August 15, 2019, a jury convicted Alexander Telcalco Cortez, age 39, of continuous sexual abuse of two minors under the age of 14, and lewd and lascivious conduct with an additional victim under the age of 14. The jury further found the defendant's acts constituted substantial sexual abuse of all three children.

On August 5, 2018, two of the victims ages 14 and 11, and their younger relative, age 7, disclosed to family and the Salinas Police Department that Alexander Telcalco Cortez, the victims' paternal grandmother's boyfriend, had been sexually molesting them for years while they stayed at their grandmother's house for day care. The children separately indicated that the defendant had molested them. The conduct began for each child when they turned 7/8 years old. A physical examination of the youngest girl revealed physical injuries consistent with sexual abuse. The children stated they did not disclose the abuse for years because they were afraid they would not be believed, and their disclosures would negatively impact the family and their grandmother.

Judge Pamela Butler will preside over the sentencing on October 4, 2019. The defendant will face a mandatory prison sentence with a maximum possible sentence of 75 years-to-life. Cortez will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

The case was primarily investigated by Detective Ciro Barboza of the Salinas Police Department.

