

## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF TULARE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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## PIXLEY MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR CHILD MOLESTATION

Today in Department 6 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Gary Paden sentenced Juan Nevarez, age 35, to 38 years-to-life in prison for child molestation. Nevarez will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

On April 4, 2019, Nevarez pleaded no contest to one count of oral copulation with a child 10-years-old or younger, two counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child under the age of fourteen and one count of lewd act upon a child under the age of fourteen. Each count is a felony and are considered strike offenses.

The crimes occurred between August 6, 2013, and December 5, 2017, against one female victim who was between 8 and 12-years-old at the time of the sexual assaults.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Wayt of the Crimes against Children Division and was investigated by Detective Jose Nevarez of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

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