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Re: Sexual Assault Jury Trial Conviction: People v. Derek Adam: BF171318A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a sexual assault case today.

On February 10, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Deputy DA Stephanie Zigler, a Kern County jury found defendant Derek Adam guilty of three felony charges relating to continuous sexual abuse of a child. During the period of the charged crimes, the child victim was between six and eight years old. The defendant was in his mid-thirties at the time of the offenses.

The charged offenses related to a period of conduct exceeding two years, between 2016 and 2018, at two separate residences in Bakersfield. The minor victim was compelled to engage in sexual acts with the defendant, a family member of the victim. During the investigation, Adam made admissions to committing multiple acts of sexual assault with the child victim.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 15, 2021 in Department 5 before the Honorable John Lua where the defendant faces up to 15 years to life as a result of the convictions.