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**Jury Delivers Guilty Verdicts In Child Sex Abuse Case Of Six-Year-Old Victim**  
*People v. Frank Delvon Rankin: Kern County Superior Court Case BF181711*

(Bakersfield) - District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant sexual assault conviction today. On May 25, 2023, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Samantha Allen, a Kern County jury found defendant Frank Delvon Rankin guilty on all five charged counts, each relating to sexual abuse of a child.

The defendant, Frank Rankin, was a close family friend and on-and-off roommate of the victim's mother that began sexually assaulting the female victim in 2012 when the victim was only six years old. The abuse continued until July of 2020, when the victim's mother located video documentation of the sexual abuse on Rankin's cell phone. The video was immediately turned over to law enforcement, and an investigation began that yielded evidence of years of continuous sexual abuse of the child. The acts occurred at numerous different locations in Kern County and were a regular occurrence.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating; "The targeting of a child as young as six-years-old for sexual abuse exhibits a level of depravity that must be met with the harshest penalties available under the law. Ensuring that child predators are not allowed to victimize others requires a life-in-prison sentence, which the law permits in these extreme circumstances."

Sentencing is set for June 26, 2023, before Superior Court Judge Oglesby in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Rankin faces a sentence of up to 40 to life plus 24 years.

Frank Delvon Rankin:

