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Re: Trial Conviction For Child-Sexual Assault: Robert Lee Perry: BF185996A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant child molestation conviction today. In a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Janae Knallay, on March 3, 2022 a Kern County jury found defendant Robert Lee Perry guilty of multiple counts of child sexual molestation, including lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 years by force, attempted sexual intercourse with a child under 10 years, and dissuading a witness.

The assault occurred in central Bakersfield on June 19, 2021. The 29-year-old defendant was alone with the 9-year-old victim when he attacked her in a house. The assault stopped only when a relative of Perry caught Perry while a sexual assault was underway with the victim. After he was arrested, Perry made numerous jail calls to the relative in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent her from testifying.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction: "Sexual abusers of children already face high sentences, but when the offender attempts to dissuade a victim or witness from testifying, the penalties increase even more. Additionally, attempts to coerce or dissuade witnesses from testifying is a textbook example of behavior that shows a clear consciousness of guilt that can be admitted at trial."

Sentencing is set for March 28, 2022 in Department 2 before Superior Court Judge Judith Dulcich. Perry faces a maximum of 49 years prison.

Robert Perry:

