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Jury unanimously convicts Anthony Joseph Mariscal of sexually abusing, raping child

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a 12-person jury unanimously convicted 38-year-old Anthony Joseph Mariscal of multiple sex crimes against a child.

The jury convicted Mariscal of 17 counts of sodomy in the first degree, 10 counts of rape in the first degree, 10 counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, and one count of sexual abuse in the third degree.

During the five day trial, the state presented evidence to show that the illegal sex crimes occurred between 2013 and 2017 when the female victim, who is known to Mariscal, was between the ages of 10 and 14.

“The conduct charged in the indictment is a small fraction of the total abuse actually endured by this child,” Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Amber Kinney, who prosecuted this case, stated in court documents. “The victim disclosed that the sexual abuse had been ongoing for several years and started when she was around three, four, or five years old and living in North Carolina.”

This investigation started on May 23, 2017 when Portland Police responded to a residence within city limits after a 9-1-1 caller reported that she had walked into Mariscal sexually assaulting the child.

During trial, the state presented the jury with DNA evidence to prove that the child had been sexually assaulted.

Sentencing is tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Angel Lopez.

This case was litigated by deputy district attorneys from the Multnomah County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team, which includes representatives from local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office recognizes that efforts to prevent and end child abuse occur each day. Members of the District Attorney’s Office and the Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team will participate in events throughout the month of April to raise awareness of child abuse. The Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team provides tremendous benefits through unmatched services and care to our community and system partners to effectively and efficiently handle child abuse, neglect, dependency and delinquency cases.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team is responsible for reviewing and coordinating all child abuse and neglect cases in Multnomah County. The team also handles all child homicides, felony child physical abuse cases, felony child abandonment cases, custodial interference cases, and felony sex crimes where the victim is currently under the age of 18 and where the perpetrator is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

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