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Mission man found guilty on all counts of sexual abuse of a child

EDINBURG – A Mission man was found guilty on one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child, six counts of indecency with a child sexual contact and six counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and will be formally sentenced on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

An in-person jury trial was held from November 30 - December 7, 2021 in the 206th District Court for Enrique Moreno Sanchez, 69, who was accused of abusing the victim, who was an extended family member, from 6 years of age to 9 years of age.

The Honorable Judge Rose Guerra Reyna presided over the trial. The case was prosecuted by Special Crimes Division Chief Hope Palacios and Special Crimes Division Assistant District Attorney Laura Rodriguez. They were assisted by Special Crimes Division Investigators Linda Greenwood and David White; Special Crimes Division Advocates Ilda Sifuentes and Marlene Ramirez; The Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr Counties, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Safe HAVEN; and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

"No child should have to suffer any type of abuse from anyone let alone a family member they trusted," said Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez Jr. "I commend Chief Hope Palacios and her team for bringing this case to trial, getting a conviction and helping put a guilty man behind bars where he can never abuse a child again."

Sanchez is expected to receive 99 years for Count One - Continuous Sexual Abuse of A Child (1st Degree Felony); 20 years for each count on Counts 2 to 7 - Indecency with Child Sexual Contact (2nd Degree Felony); and 99 years for each count on Counts 8 to 13 - Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child (1st Degree Felony) with a fine of \$10,000 for each count.

If you suspect child abuse, please report it by calling 1-800-252-5400. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day seven days a week.

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Mugshot: Enrique Moreno Sanchez