<u>Defendant Convicted of 25 Counts of</u> <u>Child Sexual Assault Against Two</u> Children



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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DATE: July 22, 2022

CASE: Ronald Berry (Case #21FE003052)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Aarseth, Special

Assault & Child Abuse Unit

Ronald Berry was convicted by a jury of 25 counts of child sexual assault charges including sexual touching of a child under 14 years old with force; sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child 10 years old or younger; and oral copulation or sexual penetration of a child 10 years old or younger. The jury also found true great bodily injury and multiple victim allegations.

On May 28, 2020, the 11-year-old female victim disclosed that Berry sexually abused her from the age of 8 to 11 years old and that he was sending her sexually inappropriate text messages. The sexual abuse included touching her over her clothes and progressed to multiple forced sexual assaults. The victim was afraid Berry would hurt her if she didn't comply. A Sheriff's detective identified a second victim who stated Berry began sexually assaulting her when she was 13 years old.

An allegation that Berry has a prior 2004 strike conviction for assault with a firearm will be determined at the sentencing hearing.

Berry faces a maximum sentence of 529 years and 8 months in

prison. Sentencing is set for August 26, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 40 before the Honorable Steve White.

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