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**Parole Denied for Convicted Child Molester Natalio Venegas**  
*CDC #G55849; Court Case #BF122616A*

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted child molester Natalio Venegas. On January 30, 2024, BPH found that Venegas continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

In March of 2008, Venegas lived with his wife and other family members. One of those family members included a 5-year-old girl. On March 11, 2008, Venegas' wife and sister-in-law could not find the 5-year-old little girl. Venegas' sister-in-law banged on the locked primary bedroom door, but he did not answer. A short time later, the little girl emerged from the primary bedroom and looked upset. The victim told and demonstrated to her family that Venegas had put his mouth on her vagina. At the time of his arrest, Venegas admitted to orally copulating and touching the 5-year-old victim on more than one occasion.

On January 28, 2009, a Kern County Jury found Venegas guilty of oral copulation with a child 10 years of age or younger and two counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14. On March 20, 2009, a Kern County Judge sentenced Venegas to 15 years to life, plus an additional 6 years.

On January 30, 2024, the BPH focused on Venegas' insight into his crimes and his current ability to control any sexual attraction to pre-pubescent children. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The BPH has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Molina's commissioners issued a three-year denial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "It's saddening that an innocent child had to endure such horrendous acts. We will continue to fight for victims and ensure child predators like Venegas remain behind bars where they belong."

Natalio Venegas:

