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Jury Trial Child Sexual Abuse Conviction: Jeremy Westheimer: BF164100A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant child molestation conviction today. In a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Esther Schlaerth, on April 8, 2021, a Kern County jury found defendant Jeremy Westheimer guilty of 2 counts of child molestation, including a lewd and lascivious act with a child under the age of 14 years and sodomy of a child under 16 years old.

Between 2009 and 2015, Jeremy Westheimer sexually molested a child who he had previously tutored at an afterschool program at their apartment complex. Westheimer also had contact with the child while working as a teacher's aide at Standard Middle School and later while living at a residence near the child's home. The abuse began during the period of time where Westheimer had contact with the child. Westheimer engaged in acts of masturbation, oral copulation, and sodomy with the child, who was between the ages of 12 and 15 years old. The molestation was discovered in April 2016, when the victim came forward to report that Westheimer had committed these acts when the victim was between the ages of 10 and 15 years old. The jury found insufficient evidence to find guilt beyond a reasonable doubt for additional charges that alleged additional sexual acts while the victim was between the ages of 10 and 11 years old.

The jury also found Westheimer not guilty of additional charges alleging sexual acts had occurred with a second child in an unrelated incident in 2015.

Sentencing is set for May 6, 2021 before Superior Court Judge John Somers. Defendant Jeremy Westheimer faces a maximum sentence of 8 years and 8 months in prison and mandatory sex offender registration.

Jeremy Westheimer:

