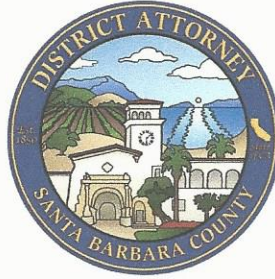


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**Re: *People of the State of California v. Carlos Israel Pineda Xitumul*, Case Number 1428912**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Carlos Israel Pineda Xitumul was sentenced to 28 years in State Prison for molesting two children. On May 26, 2015, Xitumul pled guilty to two counts of committing a lewd or lascivious act by force or violence against a child under the age of 14 years, in violation of Penal Code section 288(b)(1), and one count of committing a lewd or lascivious act against a child under the age of 14 years, in violation of Penal Code section 288(a). The defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

On May 21, 2013, the Santa Barbara Police Department received a report of child molestation. The investigation revealed that Xitumul molested two five-year-old boys while babysitting for the family. According to the reporting party, Xitumul was a family friend. While Xitumul initially denied the accusations, he eventually admitted to molesting both the victims.

District Attorney Dudley commended the parents of the victims for immediately calling the police and thanked the Santa Barbara Police Department and the investigators at the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office for their joint investigation efforts. This sentence was the result of a negotiated plea after input from the parents of the victims.

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