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**Re: *People v. Felix Nicolas***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that 39-year old Felix Nicolas was sentenced to 206 years to life in state prison after having been convicted of 16 felony counts including solicitation to commit murder, aggravated sexual assault of a minor under the age of 14, oral copulation of a minor under the age of 14, rape of a minor under the age of 14, and attempted sodomy of a minor under the age of 14.

Nicolas sexually assaulted 3 girls who were between the ages of 9 and 13 at the time of the crimes.

While incarcerated in the Santa Barbara County Jail, Nicolas hired a fellow inmate to kill two of the victims who are currently ages 21 and 23. The inmate told a guard about the plan to kill the two victims. He assisted the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department in an investigation into the murder for hire.

Prosecuting attorney Kevin Duffy commended the victims who bravely testified in this trial and delivered moving impact statements at the sentencing hearing. District Attorney Dudley stated, "As a result of the prosecution efforts in this case and the exemplary investigative work by Santa Maria Police and Santa Barbara County Sheriff Detectives, Nicolas will spend the rest of his life in prison. He will never have an opportunity to harm these victims or any other child."

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