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Re: *People v. Gregory Allen Loya*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that as a result of a plea agreement relating to the possession and distribution of child pornography, Gregory Allen Loya, age 32, of Santa Maria, was sentenced to 4 years in state prison and must register as a sex offender for life.

On July 10, 2013, Santa Barbara County District Attorney Investigators and Santa Maria Police Detectives served a search warrant at Loya's residence in Santa Maria. Numerous videos of children being sexually assaulted were located on his computer. The evidence indicates that Mr. Loya obtained the videos via the internet. Loya did not participate in the abuse or know anyone who did participate.

Prosecuting attorney Anne Nudson stated, "Child pornography is not a victimless crime but has profound psychological effects on the children who have been photographed and video-recorded while being molested. This dangerous individual is no longer in our community and cannot harm anymore children."

District Attorney Dudley stated that, "Child pornography is dangerous not only because of the victims who are depicted but also because of the nexus between viewing child pornography and victimizing other children." Additionally, "The investigation and prosecution of this case was successful in no small part because our DA Investigator has had the opportunity to work closely with the Los Angeles Area Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (LA-ICAC), a task force our office has been affiliated with for the past two years."

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