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Re: *People of the State of California v. Jose Pulido*
Offender Enters Plea to Multiple Sex Crimes

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley announced today that on November 1, 2011, Jose Pulido, age 55, of Santa Maria, entered a plea of no contest to multiple sex offenses. Sentencing is set for January 11, 2011, at which time the District Attorney expects the defendant to be sentenced to forty years to life in state prison.

The charges stemmed from a complaint to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office by the family of a ten-year old girl. The defendant was subsequently arrested by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Deputy Nelson. On Monday, October 31, 2011, pretrial motions were litigated in front of the Honorable Patricia Kelly sitting in Department 8 of the Santa Maria Division of the Superior Court. The following day the defendant entered a plea of no contest to two felony counts of Lewd Act Upon a Child (a violation of Penal Code section 288(a), one felony count of sexual penetration (Penal Code section 289(j), and one misdemeanor count of annoying or molesting a child (Penal Code section 647.6). The defendant also admitted special allegations under Penal Code section 667.61 and 288.7 as to the number and age of the victims. These convictions require the defendant to register as a sex offender.

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