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AG BALDERAS ANNOUNCES ALBUQUERQUE MAN FACES UP TO 358 YEARS IN PRISON AFTER GUILTY VERDICTS ON MULTIPLE COUNTS OF MANUFACTURING AND POSSESSING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

ALBUQUERQUE — Today, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that a jury found Pablo Griego guilty of 30 counts related to child sexual abuse material. Following a week-long trial, Griego was found guilty of all charges by a Bernalillo County jury and will be sentenced at a later date. Griego also has a prior criminal sexual penetration of a minor allegation from 2006.

“Today’s verdict sends a strong message to those that revictimize our children, and my office will go after you to the highest extent of the law,” said Attorney General Balderas.

An investigation by the Attorney General’s Office revealed that Griego had uploaded ten files of child sexual abuse material to the internet on December 19, 2019. A search warrant was executed at his residence in March 2020, during which law enforcement found that Griego was manufacturing child sexual abuse material between three different devices and possessed over a thousand images depicting the sexual abuse of children. Detectives located a journal under the mattress that documented the images and ages of children found in the files, as well as Griego’s expressed desire to have a romantic relationship with the depicted young girls.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General and Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Ashley Schweizer and Jonathan Gardner.

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