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## **AG Balderas Announces Tuumcari Man Pleads Guilty to Two Counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration, Child Exploitation & Tampering with Evidence**

*Tuumcari, NM* – Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that a 30-year-old man pleaded guilty to multiple sex offenses in connection to the criminal sexual penetration and exploitation of several girls ranging from 14-15 years-old. Anthony Groomas pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal sexual penetration of a minor, child exploitation by manufacture and tampering with evidence. Groomas faces up to 12 year in prison and will be sentenced in 60 days.

“Protecting New Mexico’s children from sexual predators is our highest priority,” said Attorney General Balderas. “Whether you live in cities like Albuquerque or Las Cruces, or more rural areas like Quay County, parents must watch for signs of sexual predators soliciting their children and report it to authorities immediately.”

See attached for a copy of the booking photo.

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