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**AG Balderas Announces 57 Year Prison Sentence for
Convicted Child Predator Jordan Padilla**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM---Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that Jordan Padilla was committed to 57 years in the Department of Corrections as part of a 271 year sentence. On June 25, 2021, a Bernalillo County jury convicted the Defendant of 25 felony counts related to the prolific sexual abuse of children, including charges of criminal sexual penetration of a child under 13 years of age, false imprisonment, and sexual exploitation of children. Judge Cindy Leos presided over the trial and sentencing. As part of this sentence, Judge Leos ordered restitution for the unidentified child victim and for dozens of other children harmed by the Defendant while he is serving his prison sentence. Judge Leos emphasized that the restitution order is to be a reminder, every month, of the consequences of his criminal sexual abuse of children and the lifelong harm it caused to the victims.

“The defendant is a dangerous predator, and partnering with courageous family members allows our office to strongly advocate for children that deserve the maximum protection under the law,” said Attorney General Balderas.

One of the child survivors in this case remains unidentified and the investigation regarding her identity is ongoing. If you have any information related to this case please contact the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General ICAC Unit at (505) 717-3500.

This case was investigated by the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General and prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Caitlin L. Dillon and Mark Probasco.

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