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To: Members of the Media

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Re: Stepmother Convicted of Statutory Rape

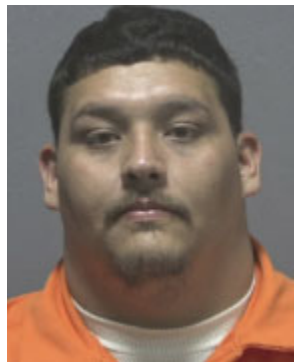
A jury found defendant Rosalia Jimenez guilty of statutory rape in New Hanover County Superior Court this afternoon after a three-day trial that began on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. An investigation by the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office showed that in the Summer of 2021, the defendant Jimenez arranged for her stepdaughter to engage in sexual activity with the defendant's twenty-four-year-old brother. Text messages and other cell phone data, recovered by the NHC Sheriff's Digital Forensic Lab, were instrumental in convicting the defendant. The Hon. Clinton Rowe sentenced the defendant to 240-348 months active time in the NC Division of Adult Correction. Upon her release from prison the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of her life.

Co-defendant Jason Motta Jimenez, who is this defendant's brother, cooperated with law enforcement and testified against his sister this week. He pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Statutory Rape and received a sentence of 108-190 months in the Department of Adult Correction.

District Attorney Jason Smith remarked, "We take violence against children – especially sexual violence – seriously. It does not matter if you are the perpetrator or if you were aiding and abetting the perpetrator: we will make every effort to hold you accountable and seek justice for victims."



Rosalia Jimenez



Jason Motta Jimenez