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**PRISCILIANO LOPEZ-MARTINEZ CONVICTED ON 31 COUNTS IN SEXUAL
ABUSE CASE**

HILLSBORO, Ore- On September 13, 2023, a Washington County jury found Prisciliano Lopez-Martinez guilty of six counts of Rape in the First Degree, 17 counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, seven counts of Sodomy in the First Degree, and Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First Degree. Deputy District Attorney Chris Lewman prosecuted the defendant before Judge Ricardo Menchaca.

The defendant sexually abused at least seven children over the course of many years. The abuse came to light in March 2020 when one of the victims disclosed the crimes to a sibling. The sibling consulted other family members and learned of additional victims. They then went to the Hillsboro Police Department to report the defendant.

Detectives spoke with each victim to gather additional information. The victims also met with medical experts at CARES Northwest where they detailed the abuse they endured.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to commend the victims in this case for their bravery throughout the legal process. This office also acknowledges the work of the Hillsboro Police Department and CARES Northwest.

The defendant also has an open case in Washington State concerning an eighth child victim. Investigators fear there could be additional victims who have yet to come forward. Anyone with information about additional crimes involving the defendant should contact their local law enforcement agency.

A sentencing hearing is set for November 17, 2023. Mr. Lopez-Martinez will remain in custody until that time.