



THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE

United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 9, 2026
EDWA.gov | [@USAO_EDWA](https://twitter.com/USAO_EDWA)

Contact: PAO
Public Affairs Officer
USAWAE.Media@usdoj.gov

**RICHLAND MAN WHO USED ONLINE PLATFORMS TO SOLICIT MINOR GIRLS
INDICTED BY EASTERN WASHINGTON GRAND JURY ON 15 COUNTS OF CHILD
EXPLOITATION OFFENSES**

Spokane, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney Pete Serrano announced that on July 8, 2026, Otoniel Parraga, a 22-year-old Richland man, was indicted by a federal grand jury with 15 separate criminal offenses surrounding his use of online platforms to solicit multiple minor victims.

Parraga was initially charged on April 27, 2026, in Benton County Superior Court Case Number 26-1-00358-03, with one count of Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor, one count of Rape of Child in the Third Degree and one count of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes.

The federal indictment now charges Parraga with seven counts of Sex Trafficking of Children, seven counts of Online Enticement and Attempted Online Enticement of a Minor, and one count of Production of Child Pornography. This case continues to be investigated by the Benton County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations and the Southeast Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Should a member of the public have information to provide to law enforcement regarding this case, such information should be directed to the Benton County Sheriff's Office at 509-727-8788.

An indictment is merely an allegation and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

4:26-CR-6029-MKD