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**EDWIN ENRIQUE JUAREZ SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON IN
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASE**

HILLSBORO, Ore- On September 4, 2026, a Washington County jury found Edwin Enrique Juarez, age 33, guilty of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree and sexual abuse in the first degree. On September 9, 2026, Washington County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen Proctor sentenced the defendant to 25 years in prison. Deputy District Attorney Rayney Meisel prosecuted this case.

The minor victim told family members that the defendant, a friend of the child's mother, had sexually abused her in her home. She also confided in friends, who later confirmed the accounts of abuse to law enforcement. The victim moved out of state and made additional disclosures to medical experts at a child advocacy center. Following the abuse, the victim struggled with depression and other mental health challenges. Tragically, she died by suicide in December 2025. She was 14 years old.

At the completion of the trial, law enforcement learned there may be additional victims. If you have any information about this person, please call the Hillsboro Police Department.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office acknowledges the work of the Hillsboro Police Department, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and medical experts who assisted in this investigation. We further acknowledge the victim's bravery in coming forward. The victim is survived by her mother, father, stepmother, and older sister, whose strength, cooperation, and unwavering commitment to justice made it possible to prosecute this case without her.

Mr. Juarez will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentence.

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts or a crisis, please reach out immediately to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or text HOME to the Crisis Text Line at 741741. These services are free and confidential.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault or violence, help is available. Contact the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or contact your local police department.