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STATE V. JORGE DELEON DIAZ – Sentencing after Jury Trial

Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae announces:

On February 19, 2025, a Cumberland County Jury returned verdicts of guilty against Defendant Jorge Deleon Diaz on four counts. Defendant is 54 years old and previously resided in Vineland. Specifically, the Defendant was found guilty of First-Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(a)(1), Second-Degree Sexual Assault, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(b), Third-Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(a)(1), and Fourth Degree Lewdness contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-4(a)(1).

During trial the State presented evidence that on July 25, 2023, the Defendant sexually assaulted a two-year-old female via oral penetration. The State presented eyewitness testimony as well as DNA evidence, and admissions made by the defendant. The matter was investigated by members of the Vineland Police Department and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office.

On June 16, 2025, the Honorable Niki Arbittier sentenced the Defendant as follows:

- Count One First-Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault: 50 years subject to the No Early Release Act, meaning he will be required to serve 85 percent of the sentence prior to release;
- Count Two Second-Degree Sexual Assault: Merged into Count One Aggravated Sexual Assault;
- Count Three Third-Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child: 5 years concurrent to Count One, First Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault; and
- Count Four Fourth-Degree Lewdness: Merged into Count Three Endangering the Welfare

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of a Child.

Defendant was sentenced under the Lunsford Act. Due to the parole disqualifier, the Defendant will be required to serve 42 years and 6 months prior to being eligible for release. He will be approximately 94 years old in 2065, when he is eligible for release. Upon release, the Defendant will be required to comply with the registration requirements of Megan's Law and the conditions of Parole Supervision for Life. The Defendant was represented by Zarchy Sclar, Esq. and Andrew Moon, Esq. The prosecution was represented by Cumberland County Assistant Prosecutors Holly Fanelle and Erin McGlynn.