

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Sex offender sent to prison**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 16, 2018, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Special Victims Team convicted a sex offender who pled guilty after his case was called for trial in Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

Jose Mendez, 36, was called for trial on the charges of 1) statutory sex offense and 2) three counts of indecent liberties with a child. After several pre-trial motions and just before jury selection was set to begin, Mendez pled guilty as charged. Judge Caldwell then sentenced Mendez to 144-233 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Mendez must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

In November 2016, a child disclosed to a family member that Mendez had been sexually assaulting her for approximately two years and that he had threatened the girl to prevent her from disclosing the abuse. Mendez admitted to sexually assaulting the victim during an interview with law enforcement.

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