

34TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT EL PASO, HUDSPETH, AND CULBERSON COUNTIES

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## JURY CONVICTS MAN OF AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF YOUNG GIRL

EL PASO, Texas (11/17/2025) – An El Paso jury found a man guilty of sexually assaulting a young girl, and sentenced him to 10 years in prison.

Edwin Fernando Perez, 54, was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child on Friday, Nov. 14, in the 168<sup>th</sup> District Court with Judge Marcos Lizarraga presiding. After deliberating for over six hours that same day, the jury also sentenced Perez to 10 years in a state prison facility. Upon his release, Perez will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The testimony at trial reflected that, in 2022, the victim reported to a school counselor that she had been assaulted by the Defendant several years earlier at a sleepover at his house. At the time of the assault, the victim was 9 years old.

"It takes a lot of strength and courage for a child to speak up against an adult, and to have to endure the rigor of a criminal trial, as well," said District Attorney James Montoya. "We are grateful to the jury for listening to the testimony, believing the victim, and for holding the Defendant accountable for his actions."

Assistant District Attorney Samantha Nelson and Danielle Escontrias represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of this case.

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