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Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Ryan Suggs, announces an Otero County jury found Ryan Reese, 40, guilty of 19 counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor, 7 counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor, and 5 counts of Incest on Thursday, February 13, 2025, following a five day trial.

The investigation began August 23, 2022 when the minor child disclosed to classmates that she was being sexually abused. Later the same day, she ran away from home. With the assistance of the Tularosa Basin Communications Center, law enforcement was able to quickly locate the minor child and began their investigation. The investigation revealed that the minor child had been subjected to years of continual sexual abuse beginning at the age of 5 ½. The abuse had continued until the age of 11 when she ran away. An Otero County Grand Jury indicted Reese on multiple counts of sexual abuse on August 1, 2023.

This was a tremendous team effort from multiple agencies including the Otero County Sheriff's Office, the Tularosa Basin Communications Center, Kids Inc. Child Advocacy Center, Children Youth & Families Department (CYFD), the New Mexico Department of Corrections, and the Alamogordo Public School District.

The case was investigated by the Otero County Sheriffs Office and prosecuted by District Attorney Ryan Suggs and Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Tighe. Sentencing, which is expected to occur in late April or early May, will be held before the Honorable District Court Judge Stephen P. Ochoa. Reese faces up to 445 years of incarceration.

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