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Attorney General Balderas Announces Detention and Charging of Man Who Allegedly Molested Multiple Family Members

Albuquerque, NM---Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that alleged serial child molester, James Henz, was bound over for trial in district court on numerous counts of sexual assault and other crimes against five young victims. If convicted on all counts, Henz will likely spend the rest of his life incarcerated. The district court also granted the Office of the Attorney General's motion to hold Henz without bond before trial on the grounds that he is a danger to the community.

"The allegations in this case are deeply disturbing, and I applaud these young victims for their bravery in coming forward to speak out against this horrifying cycle of abuse", said Attorney General Balderas. "My office will continue to zealously prosecute this case to seek justice for these children."

This case originated when the New Mexico Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, headquartered at the Office of the Attorney General, received a cyber tip indicating that Henz was viewing materials depicting the sexual exploitation of children. That tip led investigators to discover multiple children close to Henz who alleged that Henz preyed upon them sexually.

This case was investigated by special agents from the Office of the Attorney General and is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Brittany DuChaussee, Jonathan Gardner, and Jason Wallace.

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