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**RISING SUN MAN SENTENCED
TO 50 YEARS FOR SEX ABUSE OF A MINOR**

Elkton, Maryland – On Monday, January 6, 2020, the Honorable Keith Baynes of the Cecil County Circuit Court sentenced Jose Cisneros-Nunez, to a total of 50 years, for, two counts of Rape 2nd Degree, one count of Sex Abuse of a Minor and one count of Production of Child Pornography.

In June 2019, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office began an investigation of the defendant after detectives were notified by family members that they found a sexually explicit video of the defendant and victim on the defendant's phone. Further investigation revealed the defendant sexually abused the victim from the time she was seven years old until she was twelve.

At sentencing, Senior Assistant State's Attorney, Shauna E. Lee, read a letter written by the victim. The victim's letter expressed how the Defendant's actions traumatized her and still affect her today. The Maryland State Sentencing Guidelines recommended a sentence of 15 years to 32 years of incarceration. Upon hearing sentencing recommendations from both the State and Defense, the court imposed a sentence of 50 years to the Division of Corrections.

Cecil County State's Attorney James Dellmyer commended the members of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, specifically Dfc. Sarah Zak and Sgt. Angel Valle for their work on this case. He also recognized Senior Assistant State's Attorney Shauna E. Lee who prosecuted this case. State's Attorney James Dellmyer commented, "Cases involving child victims are a focus of my administration and the result in this case shows how seriously these matters will be prosecuted."