

Serial Rio Rancho child predator indicted on child rape charges

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ALBUQUERQUE – On Aug. 22, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced he had indicted Edward Cebada, a convicted felon and registered sex offender on new charges of rape of a child.

On Aug. 21, a grand jury charged Cebada with multiple counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Aggravated Battery.

“As Attorney General, I’m disgusted and angered that a convicted sex offender is alleged to have harmed another child in our community,” Balderas said. “I will aggressively prosecute this case, and all dangerous child predators that sexually exploit children in New Mexico.”

In July of 2013, Cebada was convicted of numerous felony counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor, Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor and one count of Child Solicitation by Electronic Communication Device involving separate cases from Bernalillo County and Sandoval County.

Cebada is currently in custody and prosecutors from the Office of the Attorney General have filed a motion for preventative detention urging the District Court to keep Cebada in custody while he awaits trial to ensure the safety of the community.