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READINGTON TWP MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT

A Readington Township man charged in February 2020 pleaded guilty this week to sexual assault, Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renée Robeson announced.

Jose E. Vasquez, 25, of Readington Township pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sexual assault before Hunterdon County Superior Court Judge H. Matthew Curry on January 5. Under the terms of the plea agreement, the state will recommend Vasquez be sentenced to 10 years in state prison. Due to the No Early Release Act, Vasquez will be required to serve 8 ½ years before being eligible for parole. Upon his release, Vasquez will be required to register as a sex offender and be subject to parole supervision for life.

The guilty plea is a result of a joint investigation conducted by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit and Readington Township Police Department. Mr. Vasquez openly admitted in court to sexual contact with a child under the age of 13.

Assistant Prosecutor Kelly Daniels and Assistant Prosecutor Kyle Herda represented the state. Vasquez is scheduled to be sentenced on February 16, 2022.

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