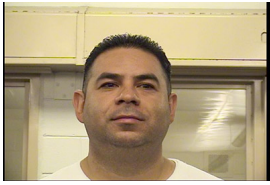


Former MDC guard sentenced to 10 years for raping, assaulting inmates

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ALBUQUERQUE – Attorney General Hector Balderas announced Jan. 30 that Enock Arvizo was sentenced to 10 years in prison for raping and assaulting female inmates in his custody at the Bernalillo County District Court in 2015 when he was a Metropolitan Detention Center guard.

Arvizo was convicted in September of raping an inmate, and in August he was found guilty on two counts of assault against a different female inmate. The Office of Attorney General Hector Balderas asked for the maximum penalty and Judge Briana Zamora granted the state's request for the maximum of 10 years in prison.

“Prosecuting sexual violence against women and holding those who abuse their power accountable will continue to be priorities for my office,” Balderas said. “This Defendant preyed on the most vulnerable women in his care and abused the power entrusted in him to keep New Mexicans safe.”

Balderas attended today's sentencing with one of the brave survivors who testified twice at trial. The case was prosecuted by Clara Moran, Tony Long, Laura Horton and Zach Jones from the Office of the Attorney General. This case was investigated by the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office with the support of Albuquerque Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

Zamora presided over the trials in the Second Judicial District Court. Arvizo must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.