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Friends interested in electing Raúl Torrez as New Mexico's next Attorney General should broadcast widely to DTS/independent voters in the Albuquerque DMA to ensure voters see the contrast between Raúl and his opponent, Jeremy Gay.

Voters should see messages on the framework that **"Raúl Torrez is a prosecutor fighting for you"** and **"Jeremy Gay defends dangerous criminals."**

Here are important messages:

1. *Raúl Torrez is an experienced prosecutor fighting for you. Raúl has locked up violent career criminals, murderers, and child sex predators. He has the strength and toughness we need as Attorney General to reduce crime and make our communities safe*
2. *Jeremy Gay defends dangerous criminals and incestuous child abusers. Gay even defended a criminal who admitted to sexually abusing his own seven-year-old niece. Jeremy Gay would make crime worse in New Mexico.*

Additional resources attached.

Claim	Backup
<p>Raul Torrez is an experienced prosecutor fighting for you. Raul has locked up career criminals, murderers, and child sex predators</p>	<p><u>"DA Raul Torrez launches campaign for New Mexico AG," Carol A. Clark, Los Alamos Daily Post, 5/17/2021</u></p> <p>Born and raised here in New Mexico, Torrez went on to serve as a federal prosecutor and senior advisor in President Barack Obama's Department of Justice, where he fought to reduce border violence, crack down on drug cartels, and reduce violent crime and domestic abuse in Indian Country.</p> <p><u>"Raul Torrez '95," Alumni Profiles, Sandia Prep, Accessed 2/1/2022</u></p> <p>Raúl Torrez '95 is a former federal prosecutor and was a senior adviser in President Obama's Department of Justice when he was selected to be a White House Fellow. He worked for nearly a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, and Assistant District Attorney. Raúl is now the Bernalillo County District Attorney.</p> <p>"September Luncheon features Bernco District Attorney Raul Torrez," US States News, 9/6/2017</p> <p>In that role, he represented the Department of Justice in critical criminal justice issues including efforts to reduce southwest border violence, crack down on drug cartels, and reduce violent crime and domestic abuse.</p> <p><u>"Anthony Cruz Found Guilty of Criminal Sexual Penetration and False Imprisonment," Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, 9/15/2021</u></p> <p>Yesterday evening a jury found Anthony Cruz guilty of criminal sexual penetration and false imprisonment. Cruz could face up to 12 and ½ years in prison.</p> <p>...</p> <p>"Yesterday evening my office convicted a repeat sex offender who will be removed from our community for several years," said Bernalillo County District Attorney Raúl Torrez. "Deliberations were delayed but the perseverance of the victim and the prosecutors resulted in a successful conviction. Because Mr. Cruz is a repeat offender, he is subject to four years of habitual offender enhancement time on each count."</p> <p><u>"Former State probation and parole supervisor sentenced to 97 months for federal child pornography convictions," Press Release, United States Department of Justice, 10/12/2012</u></p> <p>The case was investigated by the FPD and the NMAGO with assistance from the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charlyn E. Rees and Raul Torrez</p> <p><u>"Child rapist in custody for at least a few more days," Katy Barnitz, Albuquerque Journal, 1/30/2020</u></p> <p>The 69-year-old child rapist who saw six of his seven convictions overturned on appeal was in court Thursday for a resentencing hearing, and the Albuquerque judge handling his case said she had no choice but to drastically reduce his sentence.</p> <p>"While we are extremely saddened by the fact that this individual's convictions were overturned in the recent Court of Appeals opinion," DA Raúl Torrez said in a news conference, "we are determined to do everything in our power to make sure that we remedy that and present a new case so that we can hold this individual accountable."</p>

"Federal jury finds Mexican national guilty of cocaine trafficking and immigration charges," Targeted News Service, 12/14/2012

Last night, a federal jury sitting in Albuquerque returned a guilty verdict against Godofredo Barraza-Flores, 32, a Mexican national, on cocaine trafficking and immigration charges after a two-day trial, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales...The case was...prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Raul Torrez and Jon K. Stanford.

"Lucas Herron Found Guilty of Second Degree Murder for the Stabbing Death of Daniel Sandoval," Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, 10/13/2021

This evening a jury found Lucas Herron guilty of second degree murder, two counts of tampering with evidence, and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Herron is convicted of stabbing to death Daniel Sandoval at the Albertsons on Rio Bravo in April of 2018.

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"No one should be terrorized the way Daniel Sandoval and his wife were in April of 2018," said Bernalillo County District Attorney Raul Torrez. "The evidence, including the murder weapon and eyewitness testimony, solidified a successful conviction today. We hope that this outcome provides some peace for Daniel's wife, friends and family."

"Alleged serial rapist arrested after online DNA profile ties him to 1997 case," Katie Wermus, Newsweek, 12/22/2021

An Albuquerque, New Mexico, man has been arrested for a 1997 rape after forensic genealogy connected his DNA to the crime and potentially to seven other sexual assaults.

Edward Gilbert Duran, 63, was arrested for a July 7, 1997, rape in Albuquerque and was taken into custody Tuesday morning. A woman previously said an unidentified man broke into her apartment through a partially opened door. She said she was held at knifepoint, sexually assaulted and was forced to shower following the attack, KOB reported.

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The DNA collected from the victim was later run through the criminal database known as the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). However, the DNA collected didn't match anyone in the system, according to the criminal complaint.

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The criminal complaint also stated that police used genealogy and family tree databases to figure out who the unknown DNA belonged to. The Bernalillo County District Attorney's office said the data pointed to Duran, and officers started an investigation. Police then collected a fork Duran used at a local restaurant and sent it for testing. The DNA results came back as a match to the 1997 case, KRQE reported.

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"This is a good day for us in law enforcement," Bernalillo County District Attorney Raúl Torrez was quoted by KOB. "It takes incredible courage for a survivor to relive what is often the most traumatic event in her life. And we owe it to them to follow through and we owe it to them to find justice," Torrez said.

It's believed Duran is connected to at least seven other sexual assaults in Albuquerque.

"2015 rape is New Mexico's first forensic genealogy case," Associated Press, 5/6/2020

	<p>District Attorney Raúl Torrez said he was proud his office was the first in the state to use forensic genealogy to achieve a conviction, and credited the victim for maintaining hope as the investigative team used the new tactic.</p> <p>“Today’s conviction demonstrates that forensic genealogy is an important new tool in law enforcement and sends a powerful message to victims that we will use every means at our disposal to fight for them,” Torrez said.</p>
<p>He has the strength and toughness we need as Attorney General to reduce crime and make our communities safe</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Jeremy Gay defends dangerous criminals and incestuous child abusers</p>	<p>Gay was listed on the docket as the defense in the following cases which include domestic abuse, aggravated battery, child abandonment, assault with a deadly weapon, and obstructing an officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of New Mexico v. Ronald Jolly • Shelena Brown v. Virdell Brown • State of New Mexico v. Joshua Yazzie • State of New Mexico v. Caleb H. Samm • State of New Mexico v. Bobby A. Manuelito • State of New Mexico v. Johnathan Tsoie • State of New Mexico v. Traci L. Garnanez • State of New Mexico v. Charlene Joe <p>New Mexico Court Case Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We located 92 cases in which Gay was listed as the defense attorney in New Mexico, while working for Advocate Law Center, P.A. There were multiple domestic violence/abuse cases, aggravated assaults, aggravated battery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. <p>USA v. Largo, Case No: 1:21-cr-00259-WJ-1, Accessed 8/2/2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largo was charged with 2 counts of Abusive Sexual Contact and 2 counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse. Largo pled guilty to the Abusive Sexual Contact charges and had the other charges dismissed. • Plea Agreement: On 10/19/2021, a plea deal was reached between the U.S. Attorney for New Mexico, Largo, and Lucas Babycos. In the agreement, Largo admitted that he “forcibly cause my niece, Jane Doe...to submit to multiple sexual acts.” • Complaint: On 2/12/2021, a criminal complaint was filed against Manison Largo, which alleged that had committed the offenses of aggravated sexual abuse and intentional touching of the genitalia of a person under the age of 16, not through the clothing, and had committed these offenses in Indian County. According to an affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Sean Cave, Largo allegedly

	<p>sexually assaulted his then eight year old niece, identified only as Jane Doe, at Largo’s residence. Doe alleged that she was sexually assaulted by Largo beginning in 2017, including touching her “chest area underneath her clothes and by putting his ‘thingy inside of me.’” Doe said she lived at Largo’s residence under his supervision, and that she had attempted to tell her parents about the issue but that it was not until she called 911 that she was moved to her mother’s home.</p> <p>Research Note: In USA v. Largo, the case was primarily handled by Babykos. Gay only appeared once on behalf of Largo, on 5/21/2021. However, his name is included on the PACER docket report as an attorney for Largo until the date he and Babykos withdrew as attorneys for Largo.</p>
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