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**Redding Man Sentenced to 26 years to Life for
Failing to Register as a Sex Offender**

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Redding, CA - Today the Honorable Judge Boeckman sentenced Steven Warren Carpenter, 58 of Redding, to 26 years to life for failure to update his annual sex offender registration and failure to report change of address to law enforcement. Carpenter was convicted of both counts after his April jury trial and admitted as true eighteen prior strike allegations and one prison prior enhancement.

Carpenter was required to register as a sex offender after a 1984 conviction for molestation of four minor females for which he spent twenty years in prison. In the same 1984 conviction, Carpenter was convicted of endangering the life or health of a nine month old boy by causing great bodily injury to him.

The current charges, filed in October 2009, stemmed from Carpenter's flight to Alaska after being interviewed by law enforcement regarding new allegations of molestation by him of two more minor females.

The law requires registered sex offenders to update annually, within five days of their birthday, information regarding their whereabouts with the law enforcement agency where they reside. The law also requires that registered sex offenders notify the last agency to which they registered any change in their residence including any intention to leave the state of California. Carpenter failed to comply with both requirements.

Carpenter was arrested in Butte County, one year after the 2009 interview. Carpenter had avoided detection of law enforcement by traveling to Alaska, then providing false names and dates of birth once contacted by law enforcement after returning to California.