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62-Year Old Man Convicted of Multiple Victim Child Molestation

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On June 25, 2012, a jury convicted Jerry Lee Kelley, 62, of child molestation against two family members. Beginning in 1995 and continuing through 2006, the defendant molested his step-granddaughter between the ages of 4 and 14, by engaging in acts of digital penetration, oral copulation, and forcible rape. Also, during this time period between 2002-2006, the defendant molested his great niece on two separate occasions between the ages of 7 and 10.

The defendant was convicted of the following crimes involving his step-granddaughter: Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, Oral Copulation of a Person Under 14 Years, Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 years, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, and Forcible Rape.

The defendant was convicted of the following crimes involving his great niece: Kidnapping for the Purpose of Child Molestation, Genital Penetration by a Foreign Object, and three counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 Years. He was also convicted of special allegations involving the kidnapping and a multiple victim enhancement.

Two other adult family members testified about being molested by the defendant when they were children. One of the victim's grandmothers was molested by the defendant in approximately 1968, when she was 12 years old and the defendant was 18. The defendant also molested another niece in approximately 1980.

The defendant will be sentenced on July 24, 2012, where he faces up to 159 years to life in state prison. The case was investigated by Detective Will Gardner of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Hemker. The victim's were assisted by Deborah Heide of the Crime Victim's Assistance Center.