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Redding Man to be Sentenced to 30 Years to Life in Child Molest Case

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Today Shawn Merle Gustafson, 29, of Redding entered no contest pleas to two felony counts of Penal Code section 288.7(b), oral copulation of child ten years of age or younger.

On May 4th of this year, it was reported to Redding Police Department that the defendant orally copulated an eight year old boy. The boy's mother contacted the authorities after the boy had disclosed the molest to her. Investigators interviewed family members and it was determined that the defendant had also orally copulated a six year old boy.

Today the defendant entered no contest pleas to two counts of Penal Code section 288.7(b), each of which carry a sentence of fifteen years to life. The defendant will be sentenced to thirty years to life on August 13, 2012.

The case was investigated by Sergeant Allan Mellon and Investigators Mark Montgomery and Greg Wilkes of the Redding Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou.
