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Convicted Child Molester Sentenced to 31 Years in Prison

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Jay Michael Jones, 39 of Santa Cruz, was sentenced today to 31 years in state prison. The sentencing followed a jury trial in which he was convicted of six felony counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts With a Child Under 14 Years. The jury found true that five of the six counts included Substantial Sexual Conduct and the Court found true an allegation that he has a prior strike conviction.

The defendant molested a female family member when he stayed with her family in Cottonwood when she was nine years old. He molested her again when she went to visit him in Santa Cruz when she was eleven years old. When the victim was in high school, she disclosed the molests and the case was investigated. During the trial, the victim along with two previous victims testified about the sexual abuse they had suffered at the hands of the defendant.

The case went to jury trial in late May of this year and the jury returned the verdicts after about three hours of deliberation. The sentencing hearing was held today in front of the Honorable William D. Gallagher. The victim was present and asked the Court to impose the maximum sentence possible. Judge Gallagher sentenced the defendant to 31 years in state prison which is the maximum time he could receive under the law.

This case was investigated by Deputy Steven Curtiss of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou. The

victims were assisted by Deborah Heide and Candice Biddle of the Crime Victim's Assistance Center.
