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28 Year Old Man Convicted of Child Molest

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Steven Wayne Morris, Jr., was convicted by jury today of thirty felony counts of Lewd or Lascivious Acts With a Child Under 14 Years. The jury found a special allegation of Substantial Sexual Conduct to be true on all thirty counts.

The defendant molested the family babysitter when she was twelve and thirteen years old. The case was brought to law enforcement's attention after the defendant's fiancé learned of the molests and notified the victim's mother. The conduct started with touching of the victim's breasts and gradually increased to the point where the defendant was having sexual intercourse with the child on a fairly regular basis.

The four day trial concluded today and a seven woman, five man jury returned the verdicts after approximately thirty-five minutes of deliberation. The defendant is facing up to 66 years in state prison for these crimes. His sentencing is scheduled for April 12, 2013 with the Honorable Judge Cara Beatty.

This case was investigated by Investigator Greg Wilkes of the Redding Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou. The victim was assisted by Deborah Heide of the Crime Victim's Assistance Center.
