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**MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS PLUS 475 YEARS TO LIFE FOR
MOLESTING 2 CHILDREN**

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Today, the Honorable Judge Bradley Boeckman sentenced John Gene Molea to 6 years plus 475 years to life for seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 years and one count of failing to register as a sex offender. A Shasta County jury found defendant guilty of these charges on May 22, 2013. The jury also found true the special allegation for having multiple victims in the current case.

The court also found true the special allegation that the defendant had two prior convictions for lewd or lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 years from 2004.

The defendant was convicted on May 22, 2013 for molesting two children, a sister and a brother over a period of 3 months from August 2011 to October 2011. The defendant became friends with these children and their family through the church they attended. The defendant moved to Happy Valley in early 2011 and failed to update his address as required with the Shasta County Sheriff's office. The defendant is required to register as a sex offender because of his two prior convictions for lewd or lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14. The defendant was convicted in 2004 for molesting his step-son and a young girl who lived in the defendant's neighborhood.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sarah Van Slyke and investigated by Detective Logan Stonehouse of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.