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Shasta County Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Minor

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Today, James Robert Cummins, a 46 year old Shasta County man, pled guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, in violation of Penal Code section 269(a)(1) and Oral Copulation of a Child Under 14 Years of age, in violation of Penal Code section 288a(c)(1).

On February 10, 2014, the mother of the victim reported to law enforcement that Cummins hurt her daughter. The victim, who was 8 years old at the time, was interviewed by Investigator Liz Harris with the Redding Police Department. The victim described the defendant strangling her, hitting her over the head and raping her.

Cummins will be sentenced on February 20, 2015 before the Honorable Judge Gregory Gaul. Cummins is facing 18 years to life in state prison and will be required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290 for the rest of his life.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sarah Van Slyke and investigated by Investigator Liz Harris of the Redding Police Department.