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**Shasta County Man Pleads Guilty to Child Molestation and Possession of
Child Pornography**

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Today, a 61 year old Shasta County man, Charles Edward Crowe, pled guilty to two counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age, in violation of Penal Code section 288(a), a single count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Penal Code section 311.11(a) and admitted that he committed the lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age against multiple victims, in violation of Penal Code section 667.61(b)

In April of 2014, law enforcement were contacted after a video containing child pornography was located in the defendant's home. Law enforcement collected 15 videos containing child pornography from the defendant's home. Redding Police Department Investigator Liz Harris contacted the victims depicted on the videos. Neither victim was aware the defendant had videotaped them. One victim disclosed to Investigator Harris that the defendant began to fondle her when she was approximately 11 years old. She described sneaking into her sister's room because the defendant would not molest her if she was in her sister's room. This victim told Investigator Harris that she would try to stay up all night so the defendant would not touch her. The other victim described the defendant beginning to molest her when she was 10 or 11 years old. The defendant continued to molest the second victim until she was sixteen years old.

The defendant will be sentenced to 17 years and 8 months to life in state prison on March 27, 2015. The defendant will be required to register as a sexual offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290 if he is ever released from prison.

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