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**Shasta County Jury Convicts Man of Engaging in Oral Copulation with a
Child 10 Years of Age and Under**

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Today, a Shasta County jury found Ray Ernest Littleton, 73 years old, guilty of one count of Engaging in Oral Copulation with a Child 10 years of Age and Under, in violation of Penal Code section 288.7(b) and five felony counts of Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Minor Under the Age of 14 years, in violation of Penal 288(a).

Evidence presented at trial showed the victim, who is now eight years old, lived with the defendant for 27 days in November and December of 2011. The victim was placed as a foster child in the defendant's home when she was five years old. During this time, the defendant placed syrup on his penis and asked the victim to suck on his privates. The victim testified she placed her mouth on his privates. The victim testified the defendant grabbed her hand and would put her hand on the defendant's privates. She described having to touch the defendant's privates every day. The defendant would also touch the victim's privates with his hand. The defendant gave the victim chocolates after the touching. The victim did not immediately report the molestation because the defendant told her the conduct was a secret and to keep it between them.

Littleton faces a potential life sentence and will be required to register for life as a sex offender under Penal Code section 290.

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