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PEDRO CAMPOS-COVARRUBIAS SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS STATE PRISON

On July 30, 2019, Judge Mitchell Rigby of the Madera County Superior Court sentenced defendant Pedro Campos-Covarrubias to 24 years in state prison. The defendant had entered into a plea agreement where he admitted that he was guilty of three incidents of committing lewd and lascivious acts by force, violence, duress, menace, and the threat of great bodily harm upon children under the age of 14 years. The charges involved three separate victims. The defendant admitted to committing a forcible lewd and lascivious act upon Jane Doe #1* sometime between January 28, 2017 and January 27, 2018. Jane Doe #1 was 13 years old at the time of the sexual assault. The defendant further admitted to committing a forcible lewd and lascivious act upon Jane Doe #2 sometime between January 1, 2017 and October 1, 2018. Jane Doe #2 was 12 years old at the time of the sexual assault. Finally, the defendant admitted to committing a forcible lewd and lascivious act upon Jane Doe #3* sometime between May 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010. Jane Doe #3 was about 10 years old at the time of the sexual assault.

The defendant has been in custody at the Madera County of Corrections since his arrest on February 14, 2019, meaning he had credit for 167 days in custody at the time of sentencing. Because the crimes for which the defendant was committed are violent felonies, he is entitled to no more than 15% time credits, unlike most inmates who are entitled to 50% time credits. Therefore, at the time of sentencing, the defendant only had 192 days of total credit towards his 24 year sentence.

Several Victim Impact Statements were submitted to the court, including letters from actual victims and their family members. Jane Doe #1 and her father were both present in court during sentencing and addressed the court directly.

The defendant should not be eligible for parole until he is 64 years old. If the defendant is released on parole, he will be on parole for a period of 20 years and 6 months. Furthermore, he will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life pursuant to Penal Code section 290.

The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the victims and their families for their cooperation, as well as Victim's Services of Madera Community Action Program for their help in this case.

* The names of the victims have been withheld for privacy purposes pursuant to Penal Code section 293.