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VICENTE RODRIGUEZ SENTENCED TO LIFE IN STATE PRISON

Vicente Rodriguez was charged with committing acts of sexual intercourse and oral copulation with a child 10 years of age or younger between July 1, 2016 and May 4, 2018. He was also charged with committing a lewd and lascivious act upon a child under the age of 14 years. The victim, who will be referred to as Jane Doe in this bulletin, was the daughter of Mr. Rodriguez's girlfriend. The sexual abuse occurred while Mr. Rodriguez was living with his girlfriend and her four children in an apartment in the city of Madera.

The jury trial began on August 6, 2019 in Department 23 of the Superior Court of California, County of Madera and was in front of Judge LiCalsi. Closing arguments concluded on August 28 and the case was submitted to the jury, who deliberated for a full day. The jury found Mr. Rodriguez guilty of all three charges on August 29.

On October 29, Judge LiCalsi sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to an indeterminate term of 40 years to life in the state prison, plus a determinate term of 8 years in state prison to run consecutively. This means that Mr. Rodriguez will serve an 8 year sentence first before beginning his sentence of 40 years to life.

The People wish to thank each of the jurors, including the alternate jurors, for their efforts. The District Attorney's Office would also like to thank the Madera Police Department (who investigated this case), especially Detective John Rosel who was present in court for the entire jury trial. The District Attorney's Office would also like to thank all of the witnesses who testified, including Jane Doe and her younger sister who both testified in open court during the trial. Finally, the District Attorney's Office would like to thank Melissa Del Toro of Victim Services.