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CONVICTED CHILD RAPIST SENTENCED TO 378 YEARS

(Woodland, CA) – **August 7, 2009** District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that Ajay Kumar Dev, formerly of Davis, was sentenced today by Judge Timothy L. Fall, to a term of 378 years and 4 months in state prison for his multiple count conviction for the rape and sexual assault of his adopted daughter between 1999 and 2004. In June, a jury had convicted the defendant of 46 forcible sexual assaults on the victim which under California law mandated full and consecutive sentences. The judge sentenced the defendant to the upper term of 8 years for each of those separate assaults finding that the factors in aggravation, including the violation of a position of trust, outweighed the sole factor in mitigation, the defendant's lack of prior record.

The defendant was also sentenced to the legally mandated full middle term of two years each for two separate acts of witness dissuasion against the victim one of which occurred when the defendant followed the victim back to their home country of Nepal after she reported the crimes to the Davis Police department. A consecutive sentence of 6 years and 4 months was handed down for 6 other non-forcible counts of child molestation for which the jury had convicted Mr. Dev. Judge Fall also sentenced the defendant to the upper term of three years on twenty-two other counts but the execution of those sentences was stayed pursuant to the Penal Code.

The sentencing hearing was attended by a large contingent of the defendant's family and friends as well as members of the local Nepali community. Some of the jury members also attended the sentencing. Three of the defendant's supporters along with the defendant and his attorney Michael Rothschild made statements to the court on the defendant's behalf. The victim did not attend the sentencing but her victim impact statement was included in the report sent to the judge by the probation department. For more information contact Steve Mount at (530) 666-8180.

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