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West Sacramento Child Molester Sentenced to 16 Years Prison

(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on January 7, 2010, the Honorable David Rosenberg sentenced convicted child molester Louis Charles Romano, 63, of West Sacramento, to sixteen years state prison. Judge Rosenberg also imposed lifetime sex offender registration for Romano. Romano was convicted by a Yolo County Jury on December 7, 2009 of forcibly penetrating a 15 year-old-girl with a foreign object and also forcibly orally copulating her.

The crimes occurred on April 12, 2008. Shortly after the assault, the 15 year-old victim reported the sexual assault to her parents and then the police. A few days later, her 10 year-old sister disclosed to her mother that Romano had also molested her. The sisters also reported Romano showed them pornography of girls that appeared to be under the age of 18 before he molested them. The Sacramento Police Department and the West Sacramento Police Department investigated the case. The Yolo County District Attorney's Office charged Romano with committing sex crimes against the young girls and possessing child pornography.

The jury convicted Romano for sexually assaulting the 15 year-old victim, but was unable to reach a unanimous verdict regarding the sexual assaults committed against the 10 year-old girl. The jury found Romano not guilty of possessing child pornography.

Deputy District Attorney Tiffany Susz prosecuted the case. "The family, whose trust Romano violated, should find some satisfaction knowing that Romano will be in prison for a long time," said Susz.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated he was pleased that the justice system held Romano accountable for his crimes. "This sentence sends a strong message that child molesters will face serious consequences," said Reisig.

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