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Yolo County Jury Convicts Davis Man of Molesting His 15 Year-Old Niece

(Woodland, CA) – November 22, 2010 On November 19, 2010, a Yolo County jury convicted Demetrio Burciaga, 46, of Davis, of three felony counts of lewd and lascivious acts upon a child fifteen years-old for the crimes he committed against his 15 year-old niece.

On February 5, 2010, Burciaga molested his niece the morning after she stayed the night at his house in Davis. The previous evening, Burciaga picked the victim up from her house in Woodland. The following morning, Burciaga told the victim she did not have to go to school. Burciaga's sons, however, left for school that morning leaving the victim and Burciaga home alone. During that day, Burciaga molested her by touching her in inappropriate places on her body. Burciaga told the victim not to tell anybody about what he did.

Later that day, the victim told relatives that Burciaga what had happened. One week later, the molest was reported to Yolo County Child Protective Services. Yolo County Child Protective Services notified the Yolo County Sheriff's Office which started an investigation which resulted in Burciaga's arrest.

After Burciaga was arrested, Burciaga offered money to family members if they would change their story and tell the police the crime never occurred. Family refused his offer and told him what he was doing was wrong.

Burciaga testified in his defense at trial. Burciaga admitted massaging his niece, but denied that he touched her on her body with his hands. The jury rejected defendant's claims, finding Burciaga guilty of each and every count.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the efforts of the Yolo County Multi-Disciplinary Center, the Victim Services Division which worked closely with the victim and her family throughout the case, and the Yolo County Sheriff's Office for their hard work in this case.

Burciaga faces a maximum sentence of 4 years, 4 months in state prison. The Honorable Timothy L. Fall will sentence Burciaga on January 6, 2011.

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