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Woodland Man Convicted of Molesting Young Girl

Jack Stearns agrees to serve 24 years in state prison

(Woodland, CA) – May 10, 2011- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 9, 2011, 49-year-old Jack Lynn Stearns of Woodland was convicted of eight counts of child molestation and one count of possession of child pornography. He pled “no contest” to the charges and agreed to serve 24 years in state prison.

During the summer of 2002, Stearns began molesting a 10 year old girl at his home. He continued molesting her until the summer of 2007. In February 2011, Stearns again sexually assaulted the victim who was now an adult. She reported the crime to her mother who called the Woodland Police Department. As part of the investigation, the Woodland Police Department seized a computer belonging to Stearns. The Yolo County District Attorney’s Child Sexual Predator Unit forensically examined the computer and found that Stearns had been looking at sexually explicit images of young girls. During the investigation, law enforcement discovered that Stearns molested two other girls 20 years ago.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Palumbo prosecuted the case and commended the work of law enforcement. “This was truly a team effort,” said Palumbo. “The Multi-Disciplinary Interview Team in conjunction with the Woodland Police Department obtained critical information. They sought the expertise of the DA’s computer forensics examiners who uncovered the child pornography and evidence of other victims.” Palumbo concluded, “It’s not often that a defendant agrees to such a long prison sentence and that result is a credit to the efforts of our law enforcement team.”

The Honorable David Rosenberg of the Yolo County Superior Court accepted Stearns’ no contest pleas and will sentence him to state prison on June 8, 2011.

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