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**Woodland Child Molester Faces Life Term**

**(Woodland, CA) – December 19, 2011** - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on December 16, 2011, a Yolo County jury convicted a Woodland man, Efrain Amed Vasquez Martinez, of molesting the six-year-old daughter of his housemates. The trial lasted four days and the jury deliberated for another half-day before reaching their verdict. The jury found Vasquez, age 29, guilty of four of the six charges of child molestation which occurred in two separate incidents.

At about 4:00 am on April 24, 2011, one of the housemates of Vasquez awoke to sounds in the home that raised her suspicion. She sent her husband out to investigate. Her husband opened the door of the children's bedroom where he found the four-year-old boy asleep, the six-year-old girl pulling the covers over her, and Vasquez attempting to hide in the closet, wearing only his underwear. He summoned the police and while they waited, the girl described to her mother that Vasquez had removed her underwear and molested her. She also said that he had done a similar act once before.

Prior to the incident, Vasquez had been cutting meat in the kitchen and he cut his finger. Police found blood throughout the house and followed a trail that led into the children's bedroom. Blood was found on the bedroom floor, the walls, the inside of the closet door, the girl's bed, and even on her legs.

For the April 24 incident, the jury unanimously found Vasquez guilty of three criminal counts, including Oral Copulation of a Child Ten Years Old or Younger, Lewd and Lascivious Act Upon a Child Under 14, and First Degree Burglary. Because Vasquez went into the children's room with the intent to commit the act, the jury also found true an enhancement to the Lewd and Lascivious Act for committing the crime in the course

of a First Degree Burglary. The jury also found Vasquez guilty of an additional count of Lewd and Lascivious Act Upon a Child Under 14 for the previous incident.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Trudgen praised the jury's verdict as a fair and just result. "The acts of this defendant against an innocent and vulnerable child are deplorable, particularly in light of the fact that he took advantage of a family who trusted him. His incarceration will protect others in the community for a very long time." Trudgen also praised Detective Francisco DeLeon of the Woodland Police Department, who spearheaded the investigation and conducted the interrogation of the defendant.

Vasquez faces 42 years to life in state prison under California's "One-Strike Law" for sex offenders. Vasquez is scheduled to be sentenced on January 18, 2012 in front of the Honorable Judge Timothy Fall, who presided over the trial.

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