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West Sacramento Man Convicted of Molesting 7-year-old Girl
A jury convicted Michael Martinez of over 50 counts and he faces life in prison

(Woodland, CA) – May 2, 2012 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 1, 2012, a Yolo County jury found Michael Martinez guilty of 47 counts of child molestation and five counts of possessing matter depicting sexual acts by a minor.

The West Sacramento Police Department began investigating the case after the receiving a report that Martinez was sexually abusing his seven year old daughter. With the assistance of the FBI, West Sacramento Police officers searched Martinez' home. An analysis of Martinez' cell phone revealed 20 videos showing Martinez engaging in sexual acts with the victim. Initially, Defendant confessed to the crime; however, at trial he took the stand and denied he did it. The victim testified about the sexual abuse.

Deputy District Attorney Sara Abrate prosecuted the case and praised the team effort of law enforcement. "West Sacramento Police detectives did an outstanding job investigating this case and the FBI diligently found extremely helpful evidence after analyzing the defendant's phone," stated Abrate. "The District Attorney's Victim Services Division and Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center provided this courageous young girl amazing support throughout the case."

The Honorable Janet Gaard presided over the case and is scheduled to sentence Martinez on June 25, 2012. Martinez faces a life sentence in state prison.

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