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Sacramento Man Convicted of having Sex with a Minor

(Woodland, CA) – September 21, 2012 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on September 21, 2012, a Yolo County jury convicted a 32 year-old Sacramento man, Ronald Vikash Chand, of five counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Chand, who is married and has a young child, became involved with the victim when she was just 15 years old. He lied to her about his age and knowing that she was only 15 years old he pursued her on Facebook and by text messages. On multiple occasions he picked her up at her high school and engaged in sexual intercourse with her in his car and at a West Sacramento motel.

Deputy District Attorney Sara Abrate prosecuted the case and stated “The defendant manipulated the victim in order to get her to participate in sexual acts with him. This verdict ensures that he will not be able to victimize another teenage girl.”

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, “This case is a perfect example of why we have laws prohibiting adults from engaging in sexual intercourse with minors. Our office will continue to seek justice for victims of sexual assaults.”

Chand faces four years in state prison. He will be sentenced on October 22, 2012 by Superior Court Judge Timothy Fall.

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