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Woodland Man Sentenced to Life for Sex Crimes on a Two Year Old

(Woodland, CA) – May 10, 2013 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 10, 2013 Yolo County Superior Court Judge Stephen Mock sentenced John “Tim” Ganthner, 46, of Woodland, to life in prison without the possibility of parole for child molestation. Ganthner committed the crime on the two year old grandson of Ganthner’s live-in girlfriend. Judge Mock also sentenced Ganthner to an additional 11 year 8 month sentence for the physical injuries Ganthner inflicted upon other areas of the child’s body in connection with the sexual assault.

In the morning of August 23, 2011, Ganthner was left alone to watch the child while the child’s grandmother went to perform volunteer work at a local charity. When the grandmother returned home around 12:30 p.m., she noticed the child had severe injuries to his private areas and chest. Dr. Angela Rosas conducted a sexual assault exam and determined that the child had at least three areas on his body where he had been beaten and sexually assaulted. Initially Ganthner, who had been the only person with the child, denied injuring the child. Police arrested Ganthner on August 24, 2011.

After trial, the jury deliberated for just over ten hours over two days before returning guilty verdicts. On March 28, 2013, the jury convicted him of two felony counts of sexual penetration of a child under ten, four felony counts of physical abuse of a child, as well as three additional enhancements for inflicting great bodily injury upon a child under five.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the efforts of the following agencies and individuals: The Woodland Police Department whose investigation into the cause of the injuries was complicated by the fact that the 25-month-old child was unable to communicate how or who injured him; the medical staff at Sutter Hospital, the BEAR Clinic, and Angela Rosas, M.D., for their medical and forensic work in determining the type of injuries the child suffered; the Victim Services Division of the District Attorney’s office; and the young victim’s family for their cooperation in this prosecution.

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