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Jury Convicts Dixon Man of Child Molestation

Kevin Ellis faces life in prison for sexually assaulting two young family members (Woodland, CA) – October 21, 2013- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 18, 2013, a Yolo County Jury convicted 55-year-old Kevin Ellis of Dixon of five counts of child molestation which occurred over a five month period of time when the victims were left in his care.

During the jury trial, the victims testified that Ellis provided them with marijuana, showed them pornographic videos, and sexually molested them on multiple occasions beginning in March 2009 and ending in August 2009, when the boys were in the fourth and fifth grades. After one of the boys reported the sexual abuse to an adult relative, the case was reported to the Healdsburg Police Department (where the child was staying at the time of the initial report). Healdsburg Police soon learned there was another victim and that all of the sexual assaults occurred in West Sacramento. Healdsburg police contacted the West Sacramento Police Department, and, along with the Fresno Police Department (where the other victim was residing), conducted investigations into the children's allegations. Police arrested Ellis at his residence in Dixon on March 9, 2012.

The Yolo County Multi-Disciplinary Interview (MDI) Center and the Fresno Healing Center were instrumental in obtaining and preserving the young victims' report of the sexual abuse they suffered and those interviews were presented to the jury.

Supervising Deputy District Attorney Rob Gorman, who prosecuted Ellis, thanked the West Sacramento Police Department, the Fresno Police Department, the Healdsburg Police Department, the staff at the Yolo County MDI Center (specifically Forensic Interviewer Marie Flores), the staff at the Fresno Healing Center, the Victim Services Division of the Yolo District Attorney's Office, and members of jury for all of their efforts in obtaining justice for the victims.

The Honorable Stephen Mock will sentence Ellis on November 22, 2013. Ellis faces multiple life state prison sentences under the Sex Offender Punishment, Control and Containment act of 2006.

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