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**Justice Finally Served: Child Rapist Convicted**

(Woodland, CA) – April 27, 2009 – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on April 23, 2009, a Yolo County jury convicted Victor Anthony Chappale, 46, of Vallejo, of eight felony forcible sex crimes. These crimes included rape, sodomy, forcible penetration with foreign objects, and lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age fourteen. Chappale committed these heinous crimes over a series of years while living in both Davis and Woodland.

The victims included a foster daughter living in Chappale's home when she was between the ages of 13 to 15 and his biological daughter when she was just twelve years-old. The two victims, now adults in their 20's, bravely faced their abuser, by testifying about the sexual assaults during trial. Their testimony was corroborated by other victims who came forward and told their stories of how Chappale sexually abused them. The jury also heard evidence that Chappale began targeting young women dating back to the 1980's.

The District Attorney's Office charged Chappale with these sex crimes in August 2008. He was transported from prison to Yolo County to face the charges. He is serving a twelve year prison sentence for killing a man and was scheduled for release on parole in September of 2010. "This was a dangerous predator that was going to be released into our community unless someone did something to stop him. It was not a question of if he would reoffend, but when," said District Attorney Jeff Reisig

While these offenses occurred more than 10 years ago, the District Attorney's Office was still able to prosecute Chappale because the law allows for an extended statute of limitations specifically for these types of cases. "The evidence was compelling and the need to put this man away for the rest of his life was undeniable," said Deputy District Attorney Tiffany Susz, who prosecuted the case. She also praised the jury for finally providing justice to these women, who hopefully can begin to heal now that their abuser

has been held accountable.

Chappale faces a maximum sentence of 135 years to life in state prison. The Honorable Arvid Johnson will make that decision on May 4, 2009.

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