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Life Sentence for Child Rapist

(Woodland, CA) – June 17, 2009 District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on June 16, 2009, the Honorable Arvid W. Johnson sentenced Victor Anthony Chappale, 46, of Vallejo, to 116 years in state prison, in addition to two consecutive 30 to life sentences, for committing eight felony forcible sex crimes. A Yolo County jury convicted Chappale on April 23, 2009 for rape, sodomy, forcible penetration with foreign objects, and lewd and lascivious acts upon a child under the age fourteen. 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 12 years-old. Chappale committed these heinous crimes over a series of year while living in both Davis and Woodland.

Prior to pronouncing Chappale’s sentence on June 16, 2009, Judge Johnson denied Chappale’s request for a new trial and immediately sentenced Chappale to 116 years in state prison, along with the two consecutive 30 to life sentences. Chappale will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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 was serving a twelve year prison sentence for killing a man and was scheduled for release on parole in September of 2010.

“The jury and the judge finally provided justice to the victims, who hopefully can begin to heal now that their abuser will spend the rest of his life behind bars,” said Deputy District Attorney Tiffany Susz, who prosecuted the case.

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