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MADERA MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE HUNDRED TWO YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON

MADERA, CA. – District Attorney David A. Linn announced today that Fred Gonzales of Madera was sentenced in Madera Superior Court by judge Mitchell Rigby to five hundred two years to life in state prison.

Gonzales was convicted of 8 counts of child molestation, with special circumstances. The trial commenced on July 16, 2015, and concluded August 11, 2015. The case was tried by Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Wise. The evidence in this case showed that the defendant lived with his three minor step granddaughters between 2004 and mid 2011. During this time he committed multiple acts of sexual molestation by force, fear, and violence. Due to his two prior sex crimes against children, Gonzales was found to be a habitual sex offender.

D.A. Linn stated, “Sr. Deputy District Attorney Traci Wise did a great job on this case and she was ably assisted by Detective Mark Trukki of the Madera Police Department. The Madera Community Action Partnership / Victim Services also did a wonderful job dealing with the victims and their families. The victims showed great courage in coming forward to assist in this conviction.”