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### **COARSEGOLD MAN FACES 195 YEARS TO LIFE INPRISONMENT**

MADERA, CA. – Madera County District Attorney, David A. Linn, announced today that James Salsgiver Sr., 59, of Coarsegold was convicted of 9 counts of child molestation, with the special allegation of habitual sexual offender found true.

The case was tried by Senior Deputy District Attorney Traci Wise. The evidence in this case showed that the defendant molested his 8 year old grandson during a 9 month period from August 2009 to June 2010. The victim reported the abuse to a school employee after Mr. Salsgiver visited his home in Utah, where more acts of molestation were committed in late 2011 and early 2012. Another of Mr. Salsgiver's victims testified in trial about incidents of molestation that he committed upon her in 2005 when she was 8 years old.

Mr. Salsgiver's exposure is 195 years to life for convictions on 9 counts; 3 counts of 288.7(a) sodomy at 25 years to life each, 3 counts of 288.7(b) oral copulation at 15 years to life each, and 3 counts of 288(a) with special allegation of Habitual Sexual Offender found true at 25 to life each.

The convictions in this case were dependent upon the victim's tremendous courage throughout the entire prosecution process; the thorough investigation conducted by Investigating Officer, Deputy Jack Williamson, of the Madera County Sheriff's Department; and computer forensics conducted by Lt. Tyson Pogue of the Madera County Sheriff's Department, which revealed information corroborating the victim's allegations of sexual abuse. Invaluable support was provided to the victims by Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Victim Services.

DA Linn stated, "Traci and the office did a wonderful job on this case. This is another example of our goal to actively pursue justice throughout all of Madera County."

Sentencing is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> in Madera Superior Court, Department 21.