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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Robert Reece, age 32, of Modesto, was convicted on May 19, 2011 of two felony counts of continuous sexual abuse of a child. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

In February 2011, a 10-year-old child informed Reece's sister, Stephanie, that he and another 7-year-old child had been inappropriately touched by Reece many times. Stephanie contacted law enforcement and a further investigation detailed many acts of oral copulation by the minors upon Reece, as well as acts of sodomy and fondling by Reece upon the minors. Reece confessed to law enforcement, "I have problems. I know I need to get them fixed." He further informed detectives, "when [his] wife would leave [the house], if [he] had any urge of sexuality, [he] would take it out on them [the minors]." However, Deputy District Attorney Elaine Casillas informed the court that although Reece only confessed to the acts of oral copulation and fondling, the 10-year-old victim also described acts of sodomy. Casillas commended the brave acts of the 10-year-old child and Stephanie. Casillas said, "After being terribly violated by an adult, this child found a different adult he could trust and that adult took the important steps to protect him and the 7-year-old by calling law enforcement as soon as possible." Stephanie spoke to the judge and her brother, Reece, in court during sentencing. She stated, "This is his time to prove to himself, to [those] kids and to society that he can change."

The Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Reece to 16 years in state prison. Both felony charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child fall under California's "Three Strikes Law," and Reece will be required to register as sex offender for the rest of his life.

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