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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Timothy Joseph Valdez
Pedophile Sentenced to Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Timothy Joseph Valdez, age 42, of Modesto, has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for sexually abusing children. Deputy District Attorney Erin Schwartz prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 2, 2011, John Doe 1 reported to the Modesto Police Department that Valdez orally copulated him on one occasion when he was 10 years old. Two other victims, John Doe 2 and John Doe 3, came forward and disclosed similar but repeated conduct by Valdez. During their investigation, MPD detectives were informed that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was preparing to serve a search warrant at Valdez's residence. The DHS uncovered home videos corroborating the statements made by John Doe 1, 2 and 3. Valdez was first taken into federal custody, convicted in Federal Court and sentenced to 30 years in a federal prison. He was then transferred to Stanislaus County for prosecution on local charges.

On February 8, 2018, Valdez pleaded no contest to two counts of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child and one count of Lewd Act on a Child for an agreed upon 30-year prison sentence.

At the sentencing hearing, on March 1st, parents of the victims spoke to the court. John Doe 3's mother stated that "instead of being a caring friend and father, Valdez tormented and victimized the children in his life.... Today, I feel justice was served." John Doe 1's mother added that "Mr. Valdez...is not a human being, as a human being could not harm a child in a manner as he has."

Valdez also chose to address the court and his victims, stating "I cannot begin to express the deep guilt, sorrow and extreme self-loathing I must live with all day, every day, as I should. Never do I wonder why I'm in prison. Never do I think I deserve any better. Never do I forget each and every person I have hurt and disappointed. And never do I fool myself into believing that I deserve to be forgiven someday."

Valdez will essentially spend the rest of his life in prison, serving his 30-year federal sentence first before being turned over to California prison authorities to serve an additional 30-years.

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