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## **For Immediate Release**

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Date: July 6, 2021 Re: Jeffrey Todd Eastman Sex Offender Sentenced to Life in Prison John Goold, Public Information Liaison Phone: (209) 525-6909

**Modesto**, **California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jeffrey Todd Eastman, age 38, of Merced, was convicted by jury on May 20, 2021 of three counts of lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14, and one count of oral copulation of a child ten years or younger. It was also found true in a bifurcated court trial that Eastman had previously been convicted of two counts of lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14.

On June 28, 2021, Eastman was sentenced to 280 years-to-life in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Larissa Jones prosecuted the case for the People.

In 2016, Eastman sexually molested Jane Doe on four separate occasions when he was a guest in her home; Jane Doe was nine years old at the time. Jane Doe told two of her school friends about the molestation, triggering an investigation. Eastman was apprehended by Turlock Police and interviewed; during the interview, Eastman admitted to the oral copulation of a child ten years or younger.

During the jury trial, the People presented evidence of Eastman's prior molestation of a minor in 2003 pursuant to Evidence Code section 1108. Jane Doe II, now an adult, testified that Eastman had molested her at the church they attended when she was approximately 14 years old.

Because Eastman had been previously convicted of two counts of lewd acts on a child, the minimum sentence for each of the current convictions was tripled. The court declined to strike the prior convictions and sentenced Eastman to the maximum term possible of 280 years-life.

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