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Child Molest Jury Trial Convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David James Deichman, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted on August 13, 2021 of six felony counts and one misdemeanor count of child sexual assault. Deputy District Attorney Laura Keenan prosecuted the case for the People.

Between August 1, 2017 and June 26, 2018, Deichman sexually assaulted a 13-year-old relative, Jane Doe #1, by pinching her nose to the point she could not breathe in order to force her to orally copulate him on multiple occasions. He also fondled her breasts and forced her to touch his penis. On one occasion he took a photograph of the assault.

In 2008, Deichman sexually assaulted Jane Doe #2, age 8, and Jane Doe #3, age 10, by making them play a game of who could orally copulate him the longest. Deichman later assaulted Jane Doe #2 again when he forced her to touch his penis when she was between 14 and 15 years old.

In 2018, one victim's mother contacted police after her daughter disclosed what had happened. Deichman was arrested and charged.

On August 3, 2021 the case went to trial before Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Kellee Westbrook. After two weeks of testimony, the jury convicted Deichman of all charges including three felony counts of aggravated sexual assault on a child under 14 with enhancements that the acts were committed on the same victim on separate occasions, two felony counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14, one felony count of using a minor to perform prohibited acts, and one misdemeanor count of annoying or molesting a minor.

After the verdicts were reached, Deichman was remanded to the custody of the sheriff without bail. Victim impact statements and sentencing are currently set for October 22, 2021 before Judge Westbrook. Deichman faces a potential total of over 56 years to life in state prison.

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