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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jerry Franklin Johnson, age 57, of Riverbank, was convicted of three counts of lewd and lascivious acts upon a child. Deputy District Attorney Nathan Baker prosecuted the case.

The case involved three different victims. Johnson molested a 7 year-old victim in March of 2008 in the city of Oakdale. Two other victims, who are now adults, came forward to law enforcement and disclosed incidents which occurred when they were children. Johnson molested one of the now adult victims sometime between 1994 and 1995 when she was 8 years old at the home of a family member in Riverbank. The other now-adult victim was molested by Johnson sometime between 1990 and 1992, when he was 8 to 9 years old, at a residence in Riverbank. State law allows charges to be filed for victims who are now adults when the incidents involve "substantial sexual conduct" and the crime has not been previously reported to law enforcement.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Judge Dawna Reeves sentenced Johnson to a separate and consecutive term of imprisonment for each of the victims for a total of ten years in state prison. Each of the three offenses constitutes a "Strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law.

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