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Re: Steven John Ryan #1416001 Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Steven John Ryan, age 45, of Oakdale, was held to answer for two felony counts, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, and Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child, after a preliminary hearing on February 8, 2011. Both of Ryan's victims testified at the hearing. One victim is now 18; she was 10 years old when the assault occurred. The second victim is now 10; the time period when she was assaulted was between 2006 and 2009. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees is prosecuting the case for the People.

Ryan had recurring access to both victims either when they resided in the same home, or when one of the victims would visit other children who lived in the home. The sexual assaults occurred several years apart in homes in Riverbank and Oakdale.

Ryan is out on bail. A jury trial date of November 7, 2011 has been set.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.