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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Ramon Baca, age 55, of Turlock, was sentenced on September 9, 2016 to 16 years in state prison for Continuous Sexual Assault on a Child under the age of 14. Baca entered his plea on July 8, 2016 and the sentencing was delayed for a probation report. Chief Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

Baca was a cousin of the victim's mother. Baca befriended the victim when he was just 5 years old and began molesting him at age 6. The abuse continued for 10 years before the victim finally told his mother what was happening to him.

Today at the sentencing hearing, the victim, his mother and his father all made impact statements to the court. John Doe, as he was referred to throughout the proceedings, remains too fearful of the defendant and submitted a written statement asking the prosecutor to read it in open court: "My house began to feel like my prison. Every time Adam came over to visit, I would become nervous, because I knew I would be tortured, and I wouldn't be able to do anything about it." John Doe then described in detail the acts perpetrated upon him by Baca.

John Doe's mother also gave an emotional and heartfelt statement to Judge Marie Silveira who sentenced Baca. Often stopping to wipe away tears, she told the court "I remember becoming even more disgusted and angry at what [John Doe] had been through in OUR HOME." She destroyed all the beds in the home where her son had been assaulted. "Sleeping on the floor was still better than sleeping on those beds." John Doe's father fell ill, lost work, lost his relationship with his son and watched their other children suffer emotionally as well. "I would never have suspected Adam to be the monster he turned out to be. We trusted him. He was family. I feel so blind as to not see the malicious, devious, disgusting, evil abomination that he was. I still haven't forgiven myself for allowing that revolting predator in."

Judge Silveira sentenced Baca to the 16 years in state prison, ordered him to submit DNA and to register for life as a sex offender. Baca's crime is a serious and violent felony strike for which he must serve 85% of his time in custody before being eligible for parole.

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