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Re: Tobias Salgado Sandoval Phone: (209) 525-6909

Child sexual abuse conviction and prison sentence

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Tobias Salgado Sandoval, age 30, of Turlock, was convicted of child sexual abuse and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Blythe Harris prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On May 9, 2016, while Sandoval was living with the five-year-old victim, he sexually molested the child. The victim told her mother the next day and it was reported to the police. When questioned by a Turlock Police detective, Sandoval admitted what he did.

On February 1, 2017, Sandoval pled no contest to committing a forcible lewd act on a child under 14 years of age. On March 15, 2017, Judge Marie Silveira sentenced him to the aggravated term of ten years in state prison as agreed to by the parties.

Sandoval must serve 85% of his sentence in prison because the crime is considered both a serious and violent felony. This conviction also counts as a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes Law" which can be used to increase his sentence if he is convicted of a felony in the future. After serving his time, Sandoval will be supervised on parole for 20 years and must also register with local police as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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