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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: October 25, 2017  
Re: Elton Boyd Kelley  
Felony child molest conviction and prison  
sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Elton Boyd Kelley, age 64, of Turlock was convicted on October 23, 2017 of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child (John Doe #1) and Oral Copulation of a Minor (John Doe #2). Deputy District Attorney Erin Peck prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

From 2003 to 2010, Kelley repeatedly sexually abused a minor relative, John Doe #1, from age 7 to 13 years old. When the victim moved out of state, he revealed the crimes to his father who then contacted police. When interviewed, John Doe #1 told police that Kelley assaulted him on multiple occasions at Kelley's home in Turlock. After John Doe #1 moved away, Kelley moved on to John Doe #2 and sexually assaulted him from 2011 to 2013, when John Doe #2 was age 15 to 17.

Kelley was arrested and charged with molesting both victims. On October 16, 2017, Kelley's jury trial began in Stanislaus Superior Court before Judge Thomas D. Zeff. After several days of prosecution witness and victim testimony, trial was halted when Kelley agreed to plead guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code §288.5(a), Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, and Penal Code §288a(b)(1), Oral Copulation of a Person Under 18. Several remaining charges in the criminal complaint were dismissed in return for the plea.

Upon entry of Kelley's no contest plea, Judge Zeff found him guilty of the two crimes and ordered he be kept in custody without bail. Kelley's next court date is December 12, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at which time he will be sentenced to the agreed upon term of twelve years in state prison. The crime of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child is a serious and violent felony "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law which requires Kelley to serve at least 85% of his prison sentence. It may also be used to enhance the sentence of any future felony conviction if Kelley reoffends after being released on parole. Kelley will be on parole for 20 years, 6 months upon release. Both charges also require that he register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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