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Re: Lawrence Daniel Hall Jr.

Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lawrence Daniel Hall Jr., age 65, of Ceres, has been convicted of felony child molest and sentenced to three years in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Sameer Shukla prosecuted the case for the People.

In March of 2006, Hall molested his six-year-old granddaughter, Jane Doe #2, as the child was sleeping.

Jane Doe #2 did not disclose the incident until 2015. When she did, two other granddaughters came forward alleging that Hall had molested them as well. He was arrested and charged with four counts of felony child molest against all the three victims: one count for each and an additional count for Jane Doe #2 from a separate occasion.

On June 28, 2018, Hall was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of having committed a felony lewd act upon Jane Doe #2 in violation of on Penal Code §288(a). The jury found him not guilty of molesting Jane Doe #1, the second count involving Jane Doe #2, and Jane Doe #3.

At a hearing on August 3, 2018, Judge Rick Distaso sentenced Hall to the low term of three years in state prison. This conviction counts as a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law that may be used to increase punishment for any future felony convictions should Hall reoffend. He will also be required to register with law enforcement as a sex offender upon his release from custody.

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