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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel John Ruiz, age 26, pleaded no contest to two counts of felony child molest on May 21, 2014. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 28, 2013, the two female victims, who were 9 and 12 years old, reported to the Oakdale Police Department that their mother's boyfriend, Ruiz, had molested them one night when their mother was at work.

Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Ruiz to ten years in state prison. The crimes are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law. Ruiz will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from state prison.

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