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Re: People v. Efrain Sotero Juarez, Jr.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Efrain Sotero Juarez, Jr., age 23, was convicted on December 18, 2014 of continuous sexual abuse of a child and sending harmful matter to a minor with the intent of seduction. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 23, 2013, family members reported to Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office deputies that Juarez had molested his 11-year-old cousin. A 13-year-old family member also disclosed that Juarez had shown her pornography.

Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Juarez to 6 years in state prison. The crime of continuous sexual abuse of a child is considered a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law. Juarez will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from state prison.

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