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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Paul Birmingham, age 43, of Modesto, was convicted on January 7, 2015 for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child under the age of 14. Chief Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

From February 2008 through February 2012, Birmingham, a former Boy Scout leader, befriended young boys including John Doe's older brother. After the older brother was killed in a motorcycle accident, Birmingham began "grooming" his younger brother by providing John Doe with alcohol and pornography, then sexually abusing the boy. John Doe's parents found sexually explicit photos on John Doe's tablet which were sent at Birmingham's request and contacted law enforcement.

Multiple family members for the victim were present at the sentencing hearing and spoke on behalf of John Doe. CDDA Rees read the victim's impact statement. The victim's mother, now recognizing signs she saw on her older deceased son were a result of Birmingham's abuse, had no kind words in her statement for Birmingham:

"The pain, sorrow and stress level I feel is so strong that at times my heart is breaking and I feel physically ill. Since I found out that Paul Birmingham, a man that was once considered a close trusted family friend; a man we first met many years ago, when he was a leader in the Boy Scouts; a man that we trusted so much, that we had our kids call him uncle. You took that trust and manipulated it for your own perverted sexual desires. You used a child's trust mixed with alcohol and manipulation to take the innocence from my child. You exposed my child to things that he should never have to comprehend at this age. You, Paul, are a pedophile and a predator."

Judge Nan Cohen-Jacobs sentenced Birmingham to twelve years in state prison. Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child is considered a serious and violent felony for which Birmingham will have to serve a minimum of 85% of his time before being paroled. In addition, Birmingham was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. According to Rees, "I have no doubt there may be many other 'nephews' of Paul Birmingham who suffered the same sexual

abuse. If they are not able, ready, or interested in disclosing what happened to them, I hope they are finding some solace in knowing that Birmingham has finally been discovered, sentenced, and branded as the predator that he is.”

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