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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alejandro Rodriguez, age 38, of Modesto, was sentenced on January 5, 2015 to fifteen years to life for Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child. Chief Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

Rodriguez had known the victim since she was a baby. He moved into their home with her mother when the victim was 5 years old. The victim was raped by Rodriguez in the summer after her seventh grade year and again in the summer of 2013. He told her that if she told anyone what he had done, he would kill her mom. The victim only disclosed the rape in August 2013 after her mother took her to see her doctor and it was discovered that the victim was pregnant. The results of lab tests proved that Rodriguez fathered the pregnancy.

The victim's mother made an impact statement to Judge Ricardo Cordova at the sentencing hearing. She told Rodriguez, "You should have just killed me." She said "You should have killed me rather than cause this damage to my daughter. I hope you live to regret the damage that you have done."

Aggravated sexual assault of a child is considered a serious and violent felony which qualifies for a life sentence. Rodriguez is also ordered to register for life as a sex offender should he ever qualify for parole.

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