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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: People v. Anthony Conklin

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Conklin, age 47, previously of Turlock, was convicted on March 2, 2015 after a jury trial of felony charges of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child Under the Age of 14 with 2 separate victims and one count of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child aged 14 or 15. The jury also found true that Conklin had committed certain sex crimes against multiple victims and was therefore eligible for the "One Strike" sentencing laws. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

Conklin, the victims' step-father, lived with the two girls and their mother in Turlock. In 2004, Conklin began molesting the victims when the older girl was 11 and the younger sister was 9. The molestation continued until 2010 when the younger victim was approximately 15 years old. In 2011, the younger victim reported the molestations to a family friend. Conklin's niece then came forward and reported that Conklin had molested her when she was between the ages of 6 and 8 years old. A few months later, the older sister finally reported Conklin's abuse to a friend.

Judge Nancy Ashley scheduled a sentencing hearing for April 7, 2015. Conklin faces a maximum of 48 years to life in state prison.

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