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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Solazzo Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William Edward Solazzo, age 45, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison on December 7th, 2016 for attempting to seduce a minor and possession of child pornography. Deputy District Attorney Blythe Harris prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

In September of 2014, the 12-year-old victim was staying overnight at the defendant's residence. Solazzo sent the minor several sexually suggestive messages including an invitation for her to sleep in his bed, sit on his lap, "play truth or dare" as well as a photograph depicting an adult male ejaculating onto a nude female's bottom. The victim discovered the defendant's messages a few days later and immediately told her parents who reported it to the Modesto Police Department.

Pursuant to a warrant, police searched Solazzo's house in October of 2014. They seized several pieces of computer equipment that were later forensically analyzed. Police located images of mostly female children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual acts with other children and adults. The ages of the children depicted in the images ranged from young toddler to pre-teenager.

On October 12th, 2016 Solazzo was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of sending harmful matter to a minor with the intent to seduce and felony possession of child pornography.

On December 7th, 2016, Solazzo apologized to the victim for his conduct in open court. Judge Dawna Reeves then sentenced him to a total of 3 years in state prison and ordered him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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