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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: March 4, 2020  
Re: James Patrick Arnold  
Child Sexual Abuse Conviction

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Patrick Arnold, age 41, of Modesto, entered a plea on March 3, 2020 to all the criminal charges alleged against him including: felony continuous sexual abuse of a child; felony possessing child pornography; felony using a minor for posing involving sexual conduct; and misdemeanor disorderly conduct – concealing a camera for the purpose of viewing the body of that person without that person’s knowledge. Deputy District Attorney Erin Schwartz is prosecuting the case on behalf of the People.

In February of 2019, 12-year-old Jane Doe disclosed that Arnold, a family member, had touched her breasts and vagina. Arnold admitted to law enforcement that he had touched Jane Doe on three separate occasions over a period of multiple months. Arnold had also hidden a camera in the bathroom to record Jane Doe when she was naked. In August of 2019, Arnold told a probation officer his reasoning for the camera was that if the victim was showing signs of going through puberty, then that wouldn’t make him a pedophile.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Arnold entered a plea to all counts despite there not being any agreed upon resolution in this case. Sentencing is currently set for May 18, 2020 before Judge Shawn Bessey.

Arnold is facing a potential maximum sentence of 17 years, 4 months in state prison and will have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

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