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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Anthony Martin Minatre
Convicted child molester prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Martin Minatre, age 53, of Modesto was sentenced on November 18, 2021 to 23 years in prison for forcible lewd act upon a child 10 to 11 years of age and rape by force or fear on a child 12 to 13 years of age. Deputy District Attorney Monroe H. Tyler handled the case for the People.

In January of 2019, a 15-year-old victim told her mother that Minatre – her step-dad who adopted her at the age of three – had been raping her for the past year. She said that Minatre started sexually touching her when she was six to seven years old and progressed further to attempted rape, oral copulation and then forcible rape when the victim turned 10. The mother confronted Minatre who admitted his conduct saying “yea, I did it. I don’t know why I did, I just did.” The mother called police who responded and took Minatre into custody. During an interview, Minatre admitted to the conduct stating, “I made a mistake,” but would not say why, how, or how many times. When police interviewed the victim, she told them that some form of sexual assault occurred almost every day.

On October 18, 2021, Minatre entered a plea before Judge Thomas Zeff to one count of forcible lewd act on a child and one count of rape by force or fear.

During a sentencing hearing on November 18, 2021, Judge Carrie Stephens heard and considered victim impact statements from the confidential victim, two of her brothers, and her mother about how Minatre’s crimes have impacted their lives.

Upon conclusion of that hearing, Judge Stephens sentenced Minatre to the statutory maximums of 10 years in state prison for forcible lewd act on a child and 13 years in state prison for forcible rape. Stephens ordered that each sentence be served consecutively to the other for a total sentence of 23 years in state prison.

Minatre will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. If he is ever released from prison custody, he will be subject to supervised parole by the California Department of Corrections for a minimum of 20 years and six months after the date of his release.

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