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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Robert Ray Amos
Child Molest Convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Ray Amos, age 65, of Lake County (previously of Modesto and Ceres), was convicted by a jury on May 18, 2021 of three counts of Penal Code section 288(a), lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14. It was further found true that Amos committed these acts against multiple victims. Deputy District Attorney Erin Schwartz prosecuted the case for the People.

Over a period of multiple years, stemming back to the late 1990s to early 2000s, Jane Does 1 and 2 would spend time at Amos's home, as they were friends with his daughter. On several occasions as they slept, they awoke to the defendant touching them sexually, both over and under their clothing. Neither child reported the abuse until 2015, after Amos admitted to his daughter that he had touched his granddaughter on her privates as she slept while they were living outside Stanislaus county. As a result of this admission, Jane Does 1 and 2, as well as two other victims, came forward to report similar instances of abuse to law enforcement. Jane Doe 3 had also spent time at the defendant's residence in the early 2000s and one night she woke up to Amos touching her sexually. She reported the abuse immediately to the Ceres Police Department, but no charges were filed. In 2015, she reported the abuse a second time to the Modesto Police Department, along with Jane Does 1 and 2.

Amos was arrested and charged with sexually molesting three victims under the age of 14 years old. The case was set for trial in December of 2020 but had to be continued due to the pandemic.

On May 6, 2021, a jury trial began in the Stanislaus County Superior Court before Judge Shawn Bessey. Amos was convicted on May 18, 2021 of three counts of lewd acts upon a child under the age of 14, but the jurors were unable to reach verdicts on the remaining two counts. The jury further found true that these acts were committed against multiple victims.

Victim impact statements and sentencing is set for June 11, 2021. Amos faces a potential maximum sentence of 75 years-to-life in state prison. He will also have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

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