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**SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO  
48 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON  
FOR CHILD MOLESTATION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Judge Russell Scott sentenced Juan Roberto Ramos, age 30 and a Salinas resident, to a term of 48 years to life in state prison based upon his convictions for one count of sexual intercourse with a child 10 years of age or younger; one count of oral copulation with a child 10 years of age or younger, and two counts of lewd acts on a child under 14. Ramos was convicted by a jury on January 21, 2010.

On June 27, 2008, the defendant went to the then seven-year-old victim's home while her parents were at work, and she was being watched by an adult sibling. While the victim's older sister was in the kitchen cooking lunch, the defendant went into the victim's bedroom, closed the door and sexually assaulted her. The molestation was disclosed when the victim complained of pain to her mother the next day. A medical examination showed injuries consistent with sexual assault.

The young girl, now age nine, testified at the defendant's trial and described the defendant's acts of molestation against her to the jury.

At the defendant's sentencing hearing, Judge Scott indicated that the defendant was deserving of this sentence due to the young age of the victim; the fact that the defendant had feigned mental illness in order to delay the trial in this matter; and the fact that the defendant gained the trust of the victim's family, which gave him access to the child, and then abused that trust by raping their seven-year-old daughter.