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MARINA MAN SENTENCED TO 55 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD MOLEST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on August 31 Romeo Rosario, age 33 and a resident of Marina, was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler to 55 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for charges of child molestation upon his natural daughter.

On October 30, 2015, Jane Doe, age 13, disclosed to school authorities that she had been molested by her father repeatedly in their home. The molestations came to light during a meeting between school authorities, Jane Doe and her mother because of Jane Doe's recent truancy, which resulted from the abuse. A subsequent law enforcement investigation revealed that Rosario molested his daughter, Jane Doe, since she was 9 years old.

Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced the defendant for his pleas to several felony counts of sexual assault including three felony counts of forcible rape, lewd act upon a child, forcible lewd act upon a child, and forcible sexual penetration upon a child under the age of 14.

This case was investigated by California State University Monterey Bay Police Department Officers Daniel Andrada, Robin Leland, and Carolyn Peliova. District Attorney Investigator Christina Gunter also participated in the investigation.