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PRUNEDALE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FORCIBLE CHILD MOLESTATION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on February 13, 2018 Crispin Manuel Vasquez, age 56, a resident of Prunedale, pled guilty to one count of forcible child molestation. This charge is considered a “strike” under California’s Three Strikes law.

The victim, Jane Doe, reported that Vasquez, a family friend, sexually molested her about six to eight years ago when she was between 10 and 12 years old. Vasquez sat next to Jane Doe on the couch, covered both of them with a blanket, grabbed Doe’s hand with his own hand, and forced Jane Doe to touch his genitals. Doe attempted to move her hand away, but Vasquez forcefully held her hand on his genitals. Vasquez has four prior convictions for indecent exposure.

Vasquez will be sentenced by Judge Mark Hood on May 22, 2018 to eight years to be served in state prison. The charge Vasquez pled guilty to is a violent felony so Vasquez will have to serve 85% of his sentence before being released. Additionally, Vasquez will be required to register as a sexual offender.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator Christi Gunter, and Deputy Coronado from the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office.