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SALINAS MAN ENTERED PLEAS TO FIVE COUNTS OF CHLD MOLEST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that on September 20, Joel Milan Rodriguez, age 40, entered no contest pleas to two counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child, one count of forcible sexual penetration upon a child and two further counts of non-forcible lewd acts upon a child for sex acts perpetrated upon two step-daughters from 2006 – 2008.

Judge Julie R. Culver will sentence the defendant to a stipulated term of 48 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Rodriguez will also be ordered to register as a lifetime sex offender at the sentencing hearing set for October 23, 2018.

Salinas Police Officer Nicholas Abruzzini and Detective Ciro Barboza investigated the case. The victims were supported by the District Attorney Victim Advocate Unit and Support Canine, Odie, throughout the pendency of the case.