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CHILD MOLESTER PLEADS TO NINE COUNTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OVER A PERIOD OF ELEVEN YEARS

People v. Richard Murray; Case No. SS160122A

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on March 1, 2019, Richard Murray, age 42, entered no contest pleas to nine counts of child sexual abuse: three counts of oral copulation, one count of sodomy, one count of sexual penetration, one count of forcible rape and three counts of lewd and lascivious acts. All crimes were perpetrated upon a family member under the age of 14, starting at age 4 and ending at age 13, (1999-2008). Murray also admitted a special allegation for a prior conviction of child sexual abuse.

The disclosure by the victim and investigation by Marina Police Department occurred in 2013. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office extradited the defendant for the state of Oregon where he was serving a 6 -year sentence for child sexual abuse which occurred in 2011.

Judge Carrie Panetta will sentence the defendant to a stipulated term of 40 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and be ordered to register as a sex offender at the sentencing hearing set for April 4, 2019.

Marina Police Department Detectives Pablo Andrade and Octavio Barocio as well as District Attorney Investigator Oliver Minnig investigated the case.