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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **SOLEDAD MAN PLEADS NO CONTEST TO CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR**

*People v. Ruben Crystalinas; 19CR004105*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on July 19, 2019, Ruben Crystalinas, age 54, a resident of Soledad, pled guilty to one felony count of continuous sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 14.

In April 2019, Jane Doe (age 13) shared with the Soledad Police Department that she had been molested starting at age 4 by Ruben Crystalinas, an individual who helped run an unlicensed daycare in the city of Soledad and which Jane Doe attended. Jane Doe alleged that from ages 4-6, the defendant would bring her into a shed on his property and make her touch his genitalia and/or occasionally would grope her body as well. She stated that this happened on a monthly basis during the time she stayed at the day care. Jane Doe also shared a series of incidents that occurred from ages 8-10 where she would encounter Crystalinas in social settings and he inappropriately touched her outside the presence of other people. While the investigation was pending, Crystalinas turned himself into the police and voluntarily confessed to police that he had in fact been touching Jane Doe inappropriately over the course of many years.

Judge Rafael Vasquez will preside over the sentencing on August 23, 2019. Crystalinas agreed to a stipulated 6 years prison sentence. In addition, Crystalinas will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

The case was investigated by Officer Gomez of the Soledad Police Department.