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SALINAS MAN PLEADS NO CONTEST TO MULTIPLE COUNTS OF FORCIBLE CHILD MOLESTATION AND WILL RECEIVE 28 YEARS IN STATE PRISON

People v. Alfonso Casanova
19CR001702

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Alfonso Casanova pled guilty on September 11, 2019, to three felony counts of Penal Code § 288(b)(1), forcible lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

In February 2019, Jane Doe (age 11) disclosed to her grandmother that her babysitter, Alfonso Casanova (age 41) had been touching her private parts while Jane Doe was at his house. Subsequent investigation uncovered that Jane Doe and her sister periodically stayed at the defendant's house multiple times a week the prior year as a part of an after-school babysitting arrangement between the families. Jane Doe disclosed that Casanova touched her private parts during the year, almost on a weekly basis. There were many times she told him to stop but the abuse continued. During some of the incidents, Jane Doe alleged that he forcefully pushed and held her in order to molest her. Casanova confessed to police that he had been touching Jane Doe's private parts for months, in excess of 20 times.

The sentencing hearing will be held on October 25, 2019, in Department 2. The Defendant will receive a stipulated sentence of 28 years in prison.

The case was investigated by Detective Kenneth Schwener of the Salinas Police Department and DA Investigator Terri Edwards.

