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**DINUBA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR
CHILD MOLESTATION**

Yesterday in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Juan Ortega, age 39, of Dinuba, to 15 years to life in prison for child molestation. In addition to his sentence, Ortega will be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

On August 8, 2017, Ortega pleaded no contest to one count of oral copulation of a child under ten years old, six counts of lewd act upon a child under the age of fourteen, and one count of possession of child pornography. Ortega also admitted the special allegation of substantial sexual conduct. Each count is a felony.

The crimes occurred between January 1, 2013 and March 15, 2014 against a single female victim, who was between nine and eleven-years-old at the time of the sexual assaults.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Wayt of the Crimes against Children Division and investigated by Detective John Jobe of the Dinuba Police Department.

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