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**PIXLEY MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FORCIBLE
CHILD MOLESTATION**

Yesterday in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Aurelio Figueroa, age 31, of Pixley, to serve 42 years 8 months to life in state prison for child molestation.

On February 14, 2017, Figueroa was found guilty by a Tulare County jury of two counts of forcible lewd acts on a child under fourteen with the special allegation of tying and binding, three counts of lewd acts on a child under fourteen and one count of attempting to dissuade a separate witness in the case.

Figueroa committed the sexual assaults against a single victim. The crimes occurred on separate occasions between 2014 and 2016 in Tulare County. All five sexual assaults qualify as violent felonies and are strikes under California's "Three Strikes Law."

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Stacy Plantier of the Crimes against Children Division. It was investigated by Sergeant Jesse Cox of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

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