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Eric Darrell Schwenk

Today, in Humboldt Superior Court, Judge Timothy P. Cissna sentenced Eric Darrell Schwenk to serve 30 years in prison for felony child molestation. The aggravated sentence is based, in part, upon Schwenk's 1995 conviction for Lewd and Lascivious Acts on a child under age 14, under circumstances strikingly similar to those described by the child who was the victim in this case.

On July 2, 2010, a jury returned guilty verdicts against Schwenk, 45 years old, of Eureka, on two felony counts of Lewd and Lascivious Acts on a child under 14 years of age. The case was developed by the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) based on a referral from a mandated reporter of suspected abuse.

District Attorney Paul Gallegos continues to express his pride in the job done by CAST, commenting "CAST plays a vital role in protecting our children and ridding our community of predatory pedophiles. "

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Elan Firpo. Mr. Marek Reavis, Esq. defended Mr. Schwenk.