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THREE STRIKE, SERIAL SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO MULTIPLE LIFE SENTENCES

(Woodland, CA) – December 21, 2023 – On December 21, 2023, John Augborne, a 48-year-old Eureka man, was sentenced for the sexual assaults of three minor female victims. The Honorable Samuel T. McAdam sentenced Augborne to eight indeterminate life Sentences in State Prison totaling 330 years plus an additional term of 18 years after his life sentence is served. As to Victim #1, Augborne was found guilty of Attempted Rape, Forcible Oral Copulation, and seven counts of felony Sexual Battery. As to Victim #2, Augborne was found guilty of two counts of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Oral Copulation. As to Victim #3, Augborne was found guilty of a single Count of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Digital Penetration, and one count of Sexual Acts with a Child 10 Years or Younger by Oral Copulation.

Over the course of the 15-day trial, the jury heard evidence of Augborne targeting three minors from time periods ranging between 2011 – 2020. The jury heard about Augborne's boldness in committing the crimes at a hospital and while family members were present inside the home. Augborne has a lengthy criminal history including two prior violent felony (strike) convictions. The court declined to strike any of his prior strike convictions and Augborne was sentenced pursuant to the "Three Strikes Law." Augborne had recently been released from prison in late January 2020 before assaulting his third victim just a mere 33 days later.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig said "Today justice spoke loudly in the Yolo County Courthouse. The victims have gone through a long, tumultuous journey in their desire to be heard and believed. Judge McAdam perhaps summarized it best by noting that the victims spoke, and the jury listened. John Augborne took advantage of positions of trust and abused it through manipulation and force, that was not lost at the time of sentencing. We stand with the victims in deep gratitude that the Court sentenced John Augborne to a term indicative of the seriousness of the offenses as well as his prior criminal history. We hope that the bravery of the victims here serves as a sign of hope and encouragement for other survivors to come forward to report their own abuse."