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## Two Child Molesters Sentenced Today to Life in Prison

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley is pleased to announce that two convicted child molesters, Muhammad Sayyidel in Santa Barbara and Ryan Olsen in Santa Maria, were sentenced today to life in prison.

Muhammad Sayyidel was sentenced to prison for 41 years to life. This Three Strikes sentence is the maximum allowed by law. He will also have to register as a sex offender based upon his recent convictions of attempted lewd act upon a child (PC 664/288(a), a felony, and annoying or molesting a child under 18 (PC 647.6(a), a misdemeanor.

The victim and her father spoke directly to the court and asked that the defendant be sentenced to the maximum time allowed. This request for the maximum sentence was joined by the District Attorney's Office, represented by Senior Deputy District Attorney Paula Waldman, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, and the Santa Barbara Police Department.

This office's Vulnerable Victims' Unit was successful in their effort to convict this sexual predator who is now off the streets and likely incarcerated for life. The 51-year-old defendant will not be eligible for release from state prison until he is at least 92-years old. Senior Deputy District Attorney Paula Waldman, when commenting on the life sentence, stated that, "Today justice was served and a convicted child molester will be forever off the streets."

At the same time in Santa Maria, Ryan Olsen was sentenced to prison for 57 years to life. Mr. Olsen was convicted by a jury of molesting and orally copulating a 7-year-old girl. He was convicted of seven sex crimes, including forcible lewd acts upon a child in violation of PC288(b)(1) and aggravated sexual assault in violation of Pc269(a)(4). The Defendant was not only the baby sitter of the 7-year-old victim, but also a trusted family friend.

The victim and her family stood together and asked the court to sentence Mr. Olsen to the maximum sentence allowed under the law so that he could not get out and molest other children.

The request for the maximum possible sentence was echoed by Senior Deputy District Attorney Kevin Duffy, who commented that, "the victim was very courageous to report what the Defendant had done to her and then to come to court to testify in his presence. Once again, a convicted child molester from Santa Barbara County will never be in any position to molest another child."

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