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**STRATHMORE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CHILD
MOLESTATION**

On November 14, 2018, in Department 4 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Brett Alldredge sentenced Roger Lee Hepner, age 38, to 48 years in prison for child molestation. Hepner will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

On October 16, 2018, Hepner pleaded no contest to four counts of forcible sexual penetration of a child under the age of fourteen. Each count is a felony and considered a strike offense.

The crimes occurred between January 1, 2012, and January 1, 2017, against a single, female victim. The victim was between the ages of nine and thirteen 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 Sara Olmos of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

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