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### **Repeat Child Molester Convicted Again – Faces Life Sentence**

An Oroville man convicted and sent to prison in 1992 for molesting his young daughters was convicted by a jury again yesterday for molesting yet another young daughter in this century.

Bryan Scott Owen, 50, was convicted by an eight-man four-woman jury in Butte County Superior Court of the crime of continuous sexual abuse of a minor. Owen had previously been convicted of four counts of child molestation in 1992. The victims in that case were his biological daughters who were ages five and six at the time. The victim in the current case was also his biological daughter, now 12, who testified her father had molested her from the ages of 8 to 9. She described her father molesting her at the home she shared with her mother and the defendant in Oroville. The victim stated that her mother was gone when the molestations occurred.

The defendant's prior victims, now adults, testified during the trial that their molests occurred in the family home when their mother was not home. The mother of the new victim was a different woman than the mother of the previous victims. The new victim was moved out of the family home when she was 10 years old due to domestic violence between her mother and the defendant.

Owen had been sent to prison in 2003 for a domestic violence charge against the mother.

The defendant testified in his own defense, acknowledging his prior convictions, but denied he had touched the current victim inappropriately. Deputy District Attorney Stacy Edwards however got him to concede during cross-examination that he previously molested his victims as a result of "stress and drug triggers" in his life at the time. She then got him to acknowledge that those same "triggers" had resurfaced in his "new life" with his new victim. The jury was out approximately four hours before returning their guilty verdict.

After the verdict was entered the trial judge found true a number of special allegations, including prior strikes, prior prison terms, among others.

Owen's sentencing date is scheduled for July 16. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said he is facing 93 years to life.