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CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED TO 32 YEARS

David Kenneth Hamilton, 26, of Chico, was sentenced Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in Butte Superior Court for sexually abusing two different boys under the age of 10 years old. He received the maximum sentence of 32 years in prison.

Hamilton's acts of molestation were discovered through an extensive investigation by the Chico Police Department into ongoing sexual abuse by multiple offenders with whom Hamilton was associated. Each of those other offenders was also charged and previously pled to their role in the molestation of victims.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said search warrants executed in the case revealed significant evidence of ongoing predatory conduct by Hamilton and his girlfriend. In one text exchange with his girlfriend, Chelsea Klein (who previously pled and was sentenced to state prison for her role in the case), the two discussed scouting for young boys in a public bathroom. Klein texted Hamilton about a young boy entering the restroom, and Hamilton responded angrily that he wasn't able to take a picture of the boy, because: "Some guy came in" the bathroom.

Further evidence collected at Hamilton's home included eyeglasses that contained a hidden camera, child pornography, and other evidence of pedophilia.

Ramsey said that Hamilton's character and history made it abundantly clear he will forever pose an extraordinary danger to all children. Because of the charges of which he was convicted, Ramsey said Hamilton will be psychologically evaluated by state doctors to determine if he is a Sexually Violent Predator before being eligible for parole from prison. If he is found to be a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP), he could be transferred to and spend the rest of his life in a locked state hospital.



David Kenneth Hamilton