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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Oroville Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Molesting Daughter

Today an Oroville man was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for molesting his adopted daughter from the ages of nine to twelve years old.

The life sentence for **Ralph Bogue, 60**, was handed down this afternoon by Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez after Bogue admitted to years of abuse suffered by his adopted daughter while she was living with him and his wife. Bogue's wife is the victim's biological aunt, who adopted the victim several years ago. The victim lived in the home with Bogue, his wife, and their biological children, at a home in Oroville.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case against Bogue began when the then 12-year-old victim disclosed to a family member in late 2022 about the ongoing sexual abuse. Investigators from the District Attorney's Office interviewed the victim, who disclosed the abuse at the hands of Bogue. The victim stated the abuse eventually progressed to explicit sexual abuse over the course of several years. The victim described Bogue forcefully dragging her to his room, and throwing her down during the assaults. The victim also described Bogue waking her up in the middle of the night by dumping ice-cold water on her, so that he could sexually abuse her under cover of darkness.

The victim stated that she had previously disclosed the abuse to other family members but was not believed and the abuse continued. After the investigation began in late 2022, Bogue was confronted by another family member about the abuse and admitted to inappropriately touching the victim. He was arrested and charged in February of 2023 and remained in custody at the Butte County Jail through sentencing today.

At the sentencing hearing today, the prosecutor handling the case read a statement from the now 13-year-old petite victim, who described the damage that 6-foot, 345-pound Bogue caused, and will continue to cause in her life. The victim stated he ruined her life, and her relationships with her family, but that she was glad he could no longer hurt her. The prosecutor noted that Bogue took advantage of a troubled young woman, who looked up to him as a father and violated her trust for his own perverse pleasure. The prosecutor commended the victim for being brave enough to come forward, despite previously having not been believed by her family, and for having the strength to follow through with the case to ensure there will be no future victims.



**Ralph Bogue**