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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BERRY CREEK MAN SENTENCED TO 20+ YEARS FOR SEXUAL ACTS ON MINORS**

This morning, following his jury trial in Butte County Superior Court, Andrew Thomas Hrenko, 42, of Berry Creek, was sentenced to 20 years and 6 months in state prison for the several sex offenses he committed on young females in his care from 2017 to 2019.

Judge Jesus Rodriguez imposed the maximum sentence under the law. The judge noted Hrenko took advantage of the people who trusted him and abused his position of trust and authority over the victims to sexual assault them. Judge Rodriguez also commented on how impressionable children are and the ways Hrenko violated his role in the vulnerable victims' lives, which impacted them greatly.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said a jury convicted Hrenko in February of Attempted Forcible Rape of a Minor, Forcible Rape of a Minor, Lewd Acts on a Minor, and Annoying or Molesting a Child, for offenses he committed in Berry Creek against three different girls—ages six, eleven, and fourteen.

Hrenko had been previously acquitted by an Alameda County jury for lewd acts on a different victim in 2014. Ramsey said that victim bravely testified before the Butte County jury to convince the jury of Hrenko's predatory nature.

Ramsey said under the current state of the law, Hrenko will not be eligible for release until he is 58 years old, at which time he may be evaluated as a sexually violent predator requiring indefinite commitment in a state hospital.

