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## **CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED TO 23 YEARS**

An Oroville man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court yesterday (Wednesday August 18, 2021) for the rape and molest of a young girl while she was in his home between the ages of 12 and 16.

**Rolando Cornelio Ledesma**, 36, of Oroville, had previously plead guilty to a count of rape by duress and forcible digital penetration and was sentenced yesterday to the maximum term of 23 years by Judge Jesus Rodriguez.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case came to life after the girl's mother became alarmed by behavior she observed of Ledesma on December 20, 2020. She called the Oroville Police Department, and the then 16-year-old victim bravely told responding law enforcement officers about the sexual abuse she had endured since the time she was 12 years old. Ledesma was arrested and charged with the counts of sexual abuse he committed against the girl.

Ramsey said in addition to the 23 years in prison, Ledesma will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Ramsey also noted pursuant to new regulations adopted by the California Department of Corrections this May, offenders need only serve 2/3 of their actual sentence. This means Ledesma will be eligible for parole after approximately 15 years in custody, which is calculated from the day of his arrest in January 2021.

