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VISALIA MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD MOLESTATION

Today in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Emir Barraza, age 35, of Visalia, to 30 years in prison for child molestation.

On April 19, 2017, Barraza pleaded no contest to 12 counts of lewd act upon a child under the age of 14.

The crimes occurred between August 2012 and July 2015 against a single minor victim. In addition to his sentence, Barraza must register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Laura Jackson of the Crimes against Children Division and was investigated by the Visalia Police Department.

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