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**FORMER VISALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JANITOR SENTENCED
TO 40 YEARS FOR CHILD MOLESTATION**

Today in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano sentenced Antonio Cordova, age 35, of Dinuba, to 40 years in state prison for child molestation. On June 16, 2017, Cordova pleaded no contest to seventeen counts of lewd acts on a child under fourteen. Each count is a felony.

The crimes occurred between February 28, 2009 and February 26, 2013 on the Oak Grove Elementary School campus in Visalia. Cordova was employed as a janitor at the school. The crimes were committed against seven female victims who were between the ages of six and ten years old at the time of the sexual assaults. Cordova will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life. He will also be required to pay restitution to his victims.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Wayt of the Crimes against Children Division and investigated by Detective Mona Whaley of the Visalia Police Department.

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