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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CHILD
MOLESTATION IN TULARE COUNTY**

Yesterday in Department 6 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Gary Paden presiding, a Tulare County jury found Jacob Preciado, age 26, of Santa Ynez, guilty of two counts of lewd act upon a child age under the age of fourteen. The jury also found true the special allegation of substantial sexual conduct. Each count is a felony.

The crimes occurred in Porterville between May 1, 2011 and May 31, 2011 against a female victim, who was eleven-years-old at the time of the sexual assaults.

Sentencing is set for August 31, 2017 in Department 6 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, where Preciado faces 10 years in state prison. Preciado will also be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chelsea Wayt of the Crimes against Children Division and investigated by Detective Daniel Baker of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

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