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**UTAH FOSTER MOTHER SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON
FOR CHILD MOLESTATION**

Today in Tulare County Superior Court, Wendi Sorenson, age 40, of Koosharem, Utah, was sentenced to three years in state prison for child molestation.

On July 31, 2017, Sorenson pleaded no contest to all counts charged against her: nine felony counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, thirteen felony counts of lewd acts upon a child age 14, four felony counts of oral copulation of a person under 16, one felony count of contacting a minor for a sexual offense, one felony count of arranging a meeting with a minor for a sexual offense and one felony count of meeting with a minor for a sexual offense. Prosecutors made no plea bargains in this case and argued for the maximum sentence of 13 years, 8 months.

The crimes occurred in Visalia between November 19, 2015 and December 1, 2015, against a single 14-year-old victim.

In November 2015, Sorenson drove from Utah to Visalia to engage in sexual activity with a 14-year-old child that was previously in her home as a foster child. Prior to the acts, the child had been removed from her care and Sorenson was prohibited from having any further contact with the child. The sexual activity occurred over a ten-day period.

Sorenson will be required to register as a sex offender for the remainder of her life. She will also be required to pay restitution to the victim as well as numerous court fines and fees.

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

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