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Re: People v. Ricky Groseclose

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, after a week-long jury trial before the Honorable E. Bradley Nelson presiding, in the case of People vs. Ricky Groseclose, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged, that is, five counts of Penal Code Section 288(a), Lewd Act Upon A Child, Under Age 14. His co-defendant, Michelle Souza, had previously been found guilty by a jury of sexual abuse charges.

In December 2013, co-defendant Souza began sexually abusing her 10-year-old son. Souza later moved into the defendant's house and at some point, the two began a dating relationship. Aware of the abuse, defendant Groseclose started sending sexually explicit text messages to the victim which led to co-defendant's continued sexual abuse of the victim.

After the verdict, the Honorable E. Bradley Nelson ordered the defendant remanded into custody and set March 13, 2017, for Judgement and Sentence.

Officer Andrew Talton of the Vacaville Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Mary Nguyen. Cynthia Malloy was the victim advocate.