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Re: People v. Andrew Herbert Mooney

Today, in Department 23 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Stephen Mock, a Solano County jury found the defendant, Andrew Herbert Mooney, guilty as charged: Oral Copulation with a Minor Under the Age of 16 in violation of Penal Code Section 288a(b)(2); Oral Copulation with a Minor Under the Age of 16 in violation of Penal Code Section 288a(b)(2); Digital Penetration With a Minor Under the Age of 16 in violation of Penal Code Section 289(i); and Lewd Act Upon a Child in violation of Penal Code Section 288(c)(1). On October 1, 2015, the defendant, 24-years-old at the time, contacted the victim, a 14-year-old female, through MeetMe, a social media website. The victim's profile prominently displayed that she was only 14 years old. When the defendant contacted her, he continuously asked her to meet in person to have sexual relations. On October 26, 2015, Officer Omir Torres of the Vacaville Police Department contacted the victim and the defendant in defendant's car in a vacant church parking lot. The officer warned the defendant that if he were to be caught engaging in sexual activity with a minor, he would be in a lot of trouble. Undeterred, the defendant picked up the victim on Halloween night, October 31, 2015. The defendant drove the victim to a vacant house in Vacaville where the two engaged in unlawful sexual conduct in the defendant's car. Five days later, the victim's father found out about the sexual conduct and contacted the Vacaville Police Department. Retired Detective Stuart Tan, of the Vacaville Police Department, interviewed the victim who confirmed the above version of events. A forensic analysis of the victim's tablet was performed by Vacaville Police Department Officer Jeffrey Datzman. He located messages between the victim and the defendant that corroborated the victim's story and showed that the defendant had expressed concerns about the police discovering their activities due to the victim's age. The defense claimed the defendant did not know that she was underage.



The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on October 23, 2017, in Department 23 of the Solano County Superior Court. The defendant was remanded without bail and faces up to five years in state prison. The case was investigated by the Vacaville Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Daniel Madow.