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## NEWS RELEASE

**Date/Time of Release:** Thursday, May 5, 2016, 3:45 p.m.  
**From:** Patty Perlow, District Attorney  
**RE:** Creswell man sentenced to almost 30 years in prison for sexual abuse of a child

### Details:

This morning, the Honorable Lauren S. Holland, Lane County Circuit Court Judge, sentenced 60-year-old Ray Alan Butler of Creswell to 350 months (29 years, 2 months) prison with the Oregon Department of Corrections, calling him "a predator."

Butler pleaded guilty earlier in the hearing to six counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and two counts of Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First Degree. All eight charges were subject to Ballot Measure 11 sentencing minimums.

The crimes were investigated by detectives from the Lane County District Attorney's office. In February 2016, a 23-year-old Creswell woman disclosed to the District Attorney's office that she had been molested as a child by Butler. The victim indicated she had been abused over the course of three years. The ensuing investigation resulted in Butler's arrest March 21, 2016, and his subsequent indictment by the Lane County Grand Jury for sexual crimes against a child. Butler was held in the Lane County Jail since his arrest.

The investigation also revealed that Butler had been convicted in Curry County Circuit Court in 1985 of sexually abusing a child then-related to him by marriage. His sentence in that matter was probation.

The District Attorney's office investigators obtained a recording in which Butler acknowledged there were other victims of his sexual behavior, as well. If anyone has further information regarding Butler's suspicious activity with children, they are encouraged to call Det. Jason Molony at (541) 682-3684.

Questions regarding the court proceedings can be directed to Chief Deputy District Attorney Erik Hasselman at [Erik.Hasselman@co.lane.or.us](mailto:Erik.Hasselman@co.lane.or.us), or by phone at (541) 682-4142.

