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NEWS RELEASE

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Details: Prineville man sentenced to 50 years prison for sexually abusing 6-yr-old Eugene girl

On Thursday last week, a Lane County jury unanimously convicted 53-yr-old Chad Vern Puckett of Prineville on two counts of Sodomy in the First Degree and one count of Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First Degree for his abuse of a 6-yr-old Eugene girl. The victim was known to Puckett.

This morning, Lane County Circuit Court Judge Debra Vogt sentenced Puckett to 50 years in prison, with lifetime post-prison supervision to follow. Noting the abuse of the child occurred in multiple ways, locations, and times, Judge Vogt chose to impose sentences consecutively, totaling 50 years.

Puckett indicated he intends to appeal the convictions and sentence.

The District Attorney commends the now-8-year-old child for her courage in testifying last week in Court against her abuser.

Puckett was arrested in Prineville in December 2020 after Lane County Sheriff's detectives investigated the child's disclosures in late March of that year. He posted security and has been out-of-custody until his trial.

Puckett will also be required to register as a sex offender for life.