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Re: People v. Richard McCormick

Today, in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court, the Honorable William J. Pendergast III sentenced Defendant Richard McCormick to life in state prison for ten counts of sexual assault on a child. Defendant McCormick was also found to have suffered a prior felony strike conviction for Residential Burglary.

Over the course of three decades, the defendant repeatedly sexually assaulted members of his own family betraying the trust and love of two generations of the most vulnerable victims. The victims continued to live in fear for years until they eventually came forward in July 2018. All three victims, now ages 36, 11, and 10, courageously testified to the horrific abuse at trial in October 2020.



The defendant maintained that he was “the real victim” and tried to cast blame upon the victims however, this claim was rejected by the jury. Today, Judge Pendergast, in listening to the impact statements of family members, imposed the maximum sentence allowed under California law and noted the defendant’s complete lack of remorse and the extraordinary damage he inflicted upon the victims.

The case was investigated by now-retired Fairfield Police Detective Steven Carnahan and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Elaine Kuo.