RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2012-439

MEETING: August 21, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: DA Appointment

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Appointment to the office of the District Attorney effective November 1, 2012.

On August 14, 2012, District Attorney Robert Brown announced his retirement effective October 31, 2012. Your Board is charged with making an appointment to fill this vacancy pursuant to Government Code Section 25304. The individual you appoint will serve out the remainder of the District Attorney’s term which expires in early January 2014. The individual must be able to carry out the duties mandated for the office and per Government Code Section 24002 must be admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State. Other than ensuring that the individual is qualified, your Board has a great deal of latitude in making this appointment.

Thomas Cooke has expressed an interest in the position and he has been recommended by District Attorney Brown and received endorsements by others within the community. His letter of interest is attached.

Therefore it is recommended that your Board take the following action: Make an appointment of a qualified individual to serve as the District Attorney commencing November 1, 2012, through the unexpired term of the current District Attorney.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: When vacancies occur in elected positions your Board has made appointments. Most recently, when the position of Sheriff was vacated in 2010 the Board made the appointment of Doug Binnewies as Sheriff.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: If it is your Board’s desire you may wish to direct this office to conduct a search for a replacement, by authorizing the County Administrative Office to conduct a recruitment. If your Board fails to appoint a replacement the duties of the office may be temporarily discharged by the Deputy District Attorney next in authority to the District Attorney in office at the time the vacancy occurs.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None
Resolution - Action Requested 2012-439

ATTACHMENTS:
Cooke Interest Letter  (PDF)
Letters of recommendation for Thomas Cooke  (PDF)
Additional Letter of recommendation for Thomas Cooke  (PDF)
Letter of interest from Kimberly Fletcher  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator

RESULT:     ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:      Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER:   Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES:       Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen
COUNTY of MARIPosa
P.O. Box 784, Mariposa, CA  95338 (209) 966-3222

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: ROBERT BROWN, District Attorney

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Office of the District Attorney Effective November 1, 2012

RES. 12-439

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 21, 2012

ACTION AND VOTE:

2. Administration RES-2012-439

Appointment to the Office of the District Attorney Effective November 1, 2012

Chair Bibby advised that after the agenda was published, a letter was received from Attorney Fagalde (supporting the appointment of Thomas "Tom" K. Cooke, and a letter was received from a prospective applicant (Kimberly "Kim" A. Fletcher). Rick Benson advised of Bob Brown/District Attorney's resignation effective November 1, 2012, and of Bob's recommendation for the appointment of Tom Cooke; of options for the Board to appoint or recruit; and he advised of the letter of interest in the appointment received from Kim Fletcher. Discussion was held. Steve Dahlem/County Counsel responded to questions relative to options for appointment and the General Election, and he advised of the registered voter requirement at the time of appointment. Discussion was held relative to options for proceeding, and the Board concurred with giving Mr. Cooke and Ms. Fletcher an opportunity to explain why they want the position and to provide information on their qualifications.

Tom Cooke advised that he has practiced criminal law for over 30-years and retired from the Merced County District Attorney's Office, and he reviewed his work history and community service, including involvement with the Rotary Club. He is pro-death penalty and second amendment rights, he is concerned with drug abuse - feels the District Attorney needs to be tough but fair and he supports the Drug Court program. He provided input on how he would deal with any potential conflict issues for cases he has dealt with as a defense attorney. He responded to questions from the Board relative to dealing
with the conflict issues; relative to his personnel, AB 109, juvenile case, Brown Act and Grand Jury experience; and whether he plans to make any changes in the office.

Kim Fletcher expressed concern with this process, stating she does not feel that she has had the same opportunity as Mr. Cooke to apply for the appointment; and she asked the Board to continue this matter to allow her time to prepare and to get letters of support and for others to apply who may wish to. She expressed concern with the degree of conflict that Mr. Cooke may have with cases and with the possibility that the Attorney General’s Office may charge the County for cases it handles. She advised that she currently lives in Oakhurst but is prepared to become a resident of Mariposa County, and she advised of her work history and of her commitment to the District Attorney’s Office where she has worked since 1995. She is a hard worker and supports law enforcement in taking cases to trial; and she is not political. She responded to questions from the Board relative to her personnel experience, relative to meeting residency and registered voter requirements, whether she would make any changes with AB 109 and any office changes, and relative to her juvenile case and budget experience.

The Board recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m. Chair Bibby advised that input from the public would be limited to five minutes each. Rick Benson advised of the requirements that this be a public process.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Betty Williams stated Bob and Jo Ann Brown have been personal friends and she understands how much Bob cares who his successor will be. Since he has worked with both candidates for several years and recommending the appointment of Mr. Cooke, she supports that.

Ruth Sellers stated she is not acquainted with either of the applicants, but 90-percent of her work career was in management; and after listening to both, she feels that Mr. Cooke is qualified and strongly recommends his appointment. She does not feel that Ms. Fletcher is qualified as she is not a resident at this time. She feels that if Ms. Fletcher is passionate about wanting this position that she should prepare for the election.

Frank Dougherty, retired Merced County Superior Court Judge, reviewed his professional background. He advised that as District Attorney for Merced County, he hired both Bob Brown and Tom Cooke as Deputy District Attorneys in the 1980s. He feels that Mr. Cooke did an excellent job and was a great mentor.

Larry Morse, Merced County District Attorney, stated he has worked very closely with Tom Cooke since 1993, he is an experienced prosecutor, and he commented on his qualifications. He provided input on the conflict issues and his personal experiences as he comes from a family of lawyers; and he noted he has never been charged by the Attorney General’s Office for handling a case. He has coordinated with neighboring counties when conflict cases arise, and he offered his assistance to Mariposa County. He responded to a question from the Board relative to the handling of conflict resolution in Merced County.

Tom Martin, retired Police Commander for Merced Police Department, stated he ranches in Mariposa County. He advised of his work with Tom Cooke and he supports his appointment.

Jim Baker, retired Lieutenant from Los Angeles Police Department, resident of Mariposa County, advised of his subsequent private investigator work with Bob Brown and Tom Cooke. He stated Mr. Cooke has integrity and he respects him.
Rob Carroll, Chief Deputy District Attorney in Merced, provided input on his family ties to Mariposa County. He commended Tom Cooke for his leadership skills and for his integrity, and he noted that he was President of the Attorneys Union in Merced, and he supports his appointment. Marvin Wells provided input on his background in working with attorneys as President of a large company, as a member of a city council and as a mayor. He advised that he worked with Bob Brown and Tom Cooke and he supports the appointment of Tom Cooke.

George Luczy, retired Los Angeles Police Officer, resident of Mariposa County, stated he is currently an independent firearms and explosives consultant. He advised of his work with Larry Morse and Judge Dougherty, and he advised that he has worked for and against Ms. Fletcher. He support the appointment of Tom Cooke based on his qualifications.

Bob Brown, Mariposa County District Attorney, provide input on his recommendation to appoint Tom Cooke to succeed him. He advised that they are not only friends, but they share the same philosophies. He advised of his research on the conflict issues, and he noted three other counties where the District Attorney previously served as a public defender. He noted the CHP Commander, the Sheriff, and Judge Walton were here to support the appointment of Mr. Cooke, but had to leave. He responded to a question from the Board as to why it is important not to wait to make a decision on the appointment.

Chair Bibby gave each of the candidates an opportunity to respond to the input. Kim Fletcher stated she disagrees that the conflict issue is a small problem, and she provided further comment on this process. Tom Cooke thanked everyone that appeared today to support him and who wrote letters of support. He provided additional input on the conflict issue.

Further discussion was held. Supervisor Bibby advised that she previously worked with Ms. Fletcher. Board members thanked both candidates.

(M)Allen, (S)Cann, Res. 12-439 was adopted appointing Thomas K. Cooke as Mariposa County District Attorney effective November 1, 2012/Ayes:

Unanimous.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

Cc:  Bill Davis, Auditor
Sandi Laird, Personnel
Keith Williams, Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk
File
August 16, 2012

Mariposa Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, California 95338

Dear Board Members:

Please find attached letters of reference in support of my request for an appointment to succeed Mr. Robert Brown as the District Attorney of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Cooke
Attorney at Law

TKC:ic
August 10, 2012

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Letter of Recommendation – Thomas Cooke

Dear Supervisors:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Thomas “Tom” Cooke whom is applying for the position of District Attorney.

I have served as a judge since January 1, 2005. During this time, I have served in the misdemeanor, felony master and the preliminary hearing/trial courts. I have presided over large volume criminal calendars routinely handling everything from arraignments through trial. I professionally met Mr. Cooke in early 2005. He has appeared before me numerous times over the years in each of the aforementioned criminal assignments before his retirement from the Merced County District Attorney Office. My comments are based on my observations and personal knowledge of Tom Cooke.

Tom is personable, congenial and has strong interpersonal skills. He works well with others and has a respectful, professional demeanor and communicates effectively with opposing counsel, victims, defendants and the court. His approach is direct and without gamesmanship. People generally knew and appreciated where they stood with him.

Mr. Cooke also has a command of his craft; criminal prosecution. He has demonstrated a strong grasp of the relevant legal principals involved in criminal substantive and procedural law. Tom can readily value a case based on years of experience. Unwilling to settle cases needing to be tried or try cases needing to be settled, he has consistently demonstrated good judgment to secure justice in each
of the cases before me. I presided over many preliminary hearings and trials and observed his successfully prosecute these cases. In some instances, he had literally stepped in minutes before court began covering for a colleague. Tom is a team player who regularly assists colleagues in need. Better yet, he is able to provide quality professional services, if required, with minimal preparation.

Finally, Tom was prompt, prepared (when not covering cases just handed off to him) and business-like almost to a fault. On rare occasion he would be in another court and unable to appear at the designated time. In those instances, he would either communicate directly with the court prior to the appearance or send an associate to make the appearance. I appreciated the respect and courtesy extended to the court in such instances.

Tom Cooke exhibited the qualities I previously looked for as a hiring employer; prompt, prepared, professional in appearance and demeanor, strong analytical skills, a firm grasp of the substantive and procedural law, and a capable litigator. These skills all translate well to the position of District Attorney. He will be a leader for the Office, an effective and cooperative department head, and an assuring presence for the citizens of Mariposa County confident that their District Attorney is a person of quality and integrity.

Based on my personal observations and experience, I would highly recommend the hiring of Tom Cooke as District Attorney.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this recommendation, please feel free to call me directly at (209) 725-4197.

Sincerely yours,

BRIAN L. McCABE
Presiding Judge of the Merced Superior Court

BLM/tmh
August 10, 2012

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA. 95338

RE: Thomas K. Cooke

Dear Supervisors,

It is with great pleasure that I write this recommendation for Mr. Thomas K. Cooke. I have known Tom for over a decade, having worked with him as a prosecutor in the Merced County District Attorney’s Office. I have worked closely with Tom on many significant cases, and can, without reservation, recommend him for the position of Mariposa County District Attorney.

When I first met Mr. Cooke, I was a fledgling prosecutor in the office. Tom served as a mentor to me, and was always available to share his wealth of knowledge about the criminal justice system. As my skills as a prosecutor improved, Tom continued to provide nuanced advice and support to me. I note that Tom was a sought out resource in the office, not only by me, but by virtually every other deputy as well. Mr. Cooke’s decades of experience and impeccable judgment as a prosecutor make him uniquely qualified for the position of District Attorney.

Mr. Cooke possesses the skills and qualities necessary to serve the citizens of Mariposa County. He is incredibly well versed in criminal law, a fine trial lawyer in his own right, a leader and teacher, tough, fair and compassionate. I am firmly convinced that this unique combination of talents will make Tom a fine addition to the management team of Mariposa County. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss Mr. Cooke’s qualifications.

Very truly yours,

MARK V. BACCIARINI
Judge of the Merced County Superior Court

MB/tmh
August 15, 2012

County of Mariposa  
Attn: Board of Supervisors  
5100 Bullion Street  
PO Box 784  
Mariposa, CA 95338  

RE: Thomas Cooke  

Your Honor’s:

Thank you for providing me this opportunity to recommend Thomas Cooke for the position of District Attorney of Mariposa County. I have known Thomas both personally and professionally since 1995 when I was admitted to the Bar and began my first job with the Merced County District Attorney’s office. He guided me through my first jury trial and I have always considered him an integral part of my progression as an attorney and now judge of the Merced County Superior Court.

I have always considered Thomas one of the most ethical, fair-minded, and prepared lawyer’s I’ve known. I also worked with your current District Attorney Bob Brown and consider Thomas a natural and deserving replacement if you so choose. Thomas has prosecuted every type of case known to the criminal justice system and, in fact, provided guidance and advice in my first murder case as a prosecutor. His efficiency and ability to assess cases also has served him well over the course of his career.

In short, I am happy to recommend Thomas for the office of District Attorney and could not personally think of a better candidate for the position. His abilities as an attorney are without question. He also has served additionally in a capacity where he has supervised other attorney’s and made administrative decisions giving him additional familiarity with those types of issues and concerns. If you have further inquiries regarding Thomas’ abilities, I would be happy to speak with you further. My direct chambers number is 209.725.4147.

Respectfully yours,

Marc A. Garcia  
Judge, Merced County Superior Court
Letter of Recommendation: Thomas K. Cooke

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Tom Cooke for over 24 years. Tom excels in effective and positive communications, and demonstrates highly sophisticated skills and strategies. Tom has developed the skills needed to maintain the highest standards of professional excellence, and effectively organizes, assembles and arranges resources to meet his goals.

As a Deputy District Attorney for the Merced County District Attorney’s Office, I have worked closely with Tom on numerous high profile cases. Tom is totally committed to achieving excellence and it showed every time he appear in a court room. Tom is a true leader.

As you can see Thomas K Cooke possesses many talents and capabilities and is capable of maintaining, essential operations covering a variety of functions. It gives me great pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation to you on behalf of Thomas K. Cooke.

Sincerely,

Frank Pietro
Police Chief
Atwater Police Department
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

August 15, 2012

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to show my support for the appointment of Tom Cooke to the position of District Attorney of Mariposa County.

I have known Tom since 1985 when he came to work for the Merced County District Attorney’s Office. Between 2000 and 2009 I supervised Tom and found him to be an extremely hard working attorney. It wasn’t unusual for Tom to work long hours and weekends. During the time I supervised him he handled many serious cases including more homicide cases than anyone in the office. He is very detail oriented and was always well prepared. Tom was always willing to help out with the busy court calendars when called upon and volunteered on other occasions. He also was a mentor to the younger attorneys. He actually enjoys using his experience to help others. I have seen him work well with defense attorneys and he is well respected by them.

I think that you would be lucky to have someone with his talent and experience to head your District Attorney’s Office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David W. Moranda
Judge
Merced County Superior Court
August 14, 2012

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Tom Cooke

Dear Members of the Board:

Following the announcement of the retirement of District Attorney Bob Brown the Board will have the unique opportunity to appoint a new District Attorney. I encourage you to give strong consideration to Mr. Tom Cooke. I have known and worked with Tom in a professional capacity for almost 25 years, first during his long tenure as a Deputy District Attorney in Merced County, and most recently during his tenure as a contract Public Defender for Mariposa County. Throughout, I have observed Tom to be intelligent, even-handed, and good natured. He is a very competent attorney and has gained the professional respect of the local bench and bar. I believe that as District Attorney, the citizens of Mariposa County will have a strong advocate in Tom.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Fagalde
August 19, 2012

Mr. Rick Benson
County Administrative Officer
5100 Bullion Street, Second Floor
P.O. Box 784
Mariposa, Ca. 95338

Re: Letter of Interest
    Interim District Attorney Position

Dear Mr. Benson:

This letter serves to advise you and the Board of Supervisors of my interest in being considered for appointment to the interim District Attorney position.

The opinions stated below are mine as a ‘private citizen’ and are made solely in that capacity.

I want to give you and the Board of Supervisors an option to consider for appointment other than Tom Cooke, the individual the incumbent District Attorney is recommending. Mr. Cooke will bring to the Office of the District Attorney a significant problem with respect to a very real potential for conflicts.

Mr. Cooke has served the past 3 years as one of the appointed public defenders for the Mariposa County Superior Court. In that position, Mr. Cooke has accrued a long list of clients from his representation in Mariposa County. Every three weeks he is appointed to represent the indigent defendants who need representation. As a general rule, the rules of ethics prohibit a District Attorney from prosecuting someone that they previously represented as defense counsel.

I strongly recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the time necessary to determine all of the ramifications of Mr. Cooke’s conflicts in Mariposa County. Certainly a list of the clients Mr. Cooke has accrued over the past 3 years should be presented to the board, including but not limited to his current clients whom the Office of the District Attorney is prosecuting.

In my opinion, in a situation such as this where the proposed District Attorney brings the conflicts to the office with him, the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office may well be considered too small to create an "iron curtain", that is, a wall between the District Attorney with the conflict and the deputy district attorneys. Iron curtains are at times created in offices, most easily and often in larger counties such as Los Angeles, where they have outlying offices which allow for separation of the person with the conflict from the prosecuting attorney. However, even in those larger counties, the use of an "iron curtain" is greatly complicated when the person with the conflict is the District Attorney, as opposed to a deputy district attorney.
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In my opinion, the conflicts mentioned above will not be limited to the prosecution of Mr. Cooke's former clients. The issue may be raised when a former client is a victim of a crime, or even a percipient witness to a crime. I have prosecuted cases in Mariposa County for 17 years. What I have observed is that the defendant today can be the victim or witness tomorrow. For example, the man charged with a drunk driving this week may be a victim of a violent crime next week.

While I realize you may have been assured that the conflict issue may be easily resolved by referring conflict cases to the Attorney General, the fact remains that someone with no ties to this county whatsoever will then be making very important filing decisions that should rightfully fall on the shoulders of the District Attorney of Mariposa. I think many Mariposans would frankly find that objectionable.

I grew up in Long Beach, California. In addition to my school activities, I rowed with the Long Beach Rowing Association. I became the junior and lightweight national champion. Later, in 1974, I was selected as a member of the United States National Rowing Team and traveled with the team through venues in Europe for both training and races. It was in that arena that I learned how discipline, training and hard work are essential for success in any endeavor. Moreover, I learned the importance of working as a team. Those early lessons have provided a strong foundation for my legal career.

I attended college at California State University of Long Beach where I majored in languages, including Spanish. I then attended the University of San Diego School of Law, where I received the honor of finishing in the top 5% my first semester. While in law school, I gave birth to my son Matt Montgomery, who is now a practicing corporate lawyer in Newport Beach, California.

My first year as a lawyer was spent at a civil firm on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. In 1988, I moved to Oakhurst, California, where I continued my civil practice with local lawyer, James H. Watkins. From 1990 to 1994, I maintained my own private legal practice, the Law Office of Kimberly Fletcher. During that time, in addition to my civil and family law practice, I was the contract public defender at the Sierra Justice Court, in Madera County.

In 1995, I started my employment with the Mariposa County District Attorney's Office as a deputy district attorney. From 1999 to 2002, the then incumbent District Attorney honored me with the title of Assistant District Attorney in part to recognize my hard work for the office. Since 1995, I have successfully prosecuted through trial many of the toughest and most serious cases in Mariposa County. Many of those trials have lasted several weeks and have resulted in multiple life terms. (A list of some of those cases and the results of the prosecution will be submitted herewith.)

As the lead prosecutor for many years in Mariposa, I have demonstrated that I am not beholden to anyone or anything, except justice. I am aware that in taking cases to trial, I have created additional work for and have at times inconvenienced others, including staff and the judiciary, sometimes putting me at odds with them. However, the cases I have taken through trial needed to go to trial and were very important cases.
The success of the Mariposa District Attorney's office is critically important to me and to the citizens of Mariposa County. Tom Cooke should not be rubber stamped for the job of Mariposa District Attorney. His conflicts should be investigated. Importantly, the Board of Supervisors should be aware of the fact that the Attorney General's Office may charge the County of Mariposa for the cases it handles.

An opinion should be sought from the State Bar of California regarding whether the conflicts can be managed through an "iron curtain" in the Mariposa District Attorney's Office. Case law strongly indicates that the conflicts of the District Attorney, in this case Mr. Cooke were he to be appointed, cannot be prosecuted by the deputy district attorneys in that office because the office is simply too small to create an effective iron curtain from the District Attorney. That fact is of grave concern to me because I currently have open cases against some of Mr. Cooke's clients. I don't want to be forced to turn those cases over to the Attorney General for prosecution and certainly do not want to be placed in a position where I am walking an 'ethical' fine line.

Let me assure the Board and others that I like Mr. Cooke. I understand that he has a long-standing friendship with Mr. Brown and has his recommendation for appointment to the position of District Attorney. I also understand he has the support of local judges and attorneys. But I cannot keep quiet when I feel that the integrity of our local justice system is at stake.

For the reasons set forth above, I am offering my letter of interest for appointment as interim District Attorney.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly A. Fletcher

cc: Board of Supervisors 
Mr. Lee Stetson 
Mr. Lyle Turpin 
Mrs. Janet Bibby 
Mr. Kevin Cann 
Mr. Jim Allen

Attachments: Partial Case and Trial List
Murder Cases in Mariposa County

1996  Shawn Leroy Paul  
  Manslaughter  
  11 years state prison

1997  Richard Luna Griffin  
  Second Degree Murder with a Firearm  
  19 years to life

1999  Eugene Dull  
  First Degree Murder  
  19 years to life

2002  Cary Stayner  
  Trial  
  Triple Murder/Kidnapping  
  (One of three lawyers on trial team)  
  Death Penalty

2009  Christopher Michael McCurdy  
  Trial  
  Voluntary Manslaughter with a firearm, theft of firearms  
  21 years in State Prison

Significant Trials in Mariposa County

2010  MacDonald, Williams  
  Multiple molestations  
  112 years to life

2010  Robertson, Roger Wayne  
  Rape and Kidnap  
  37 to life

2009  Christopher Michael McCurdy  
  Voluntary Manslaughter with a firearm, theft of firearms  
  22 years state prison (see above)

2008  Paul Andrew Cash  
  Multiple molestations  
  75 years to life

2007  Curtis Wyrick  
  Molestation  
  30 years to life
2005  William Smith
       Molestation
       75 years to life

2004  Darrel G. Stephens
       Rape by Intoxication
       116 years to life

2004  Robert Walsh
       Child molest annoy
       9 years

2002  Cary Stayner
       Murder, see above
       Death Penalty

1998  Jeffrey Van Winkle
       Molestation
       8 years state prison

1997  John Lowell Allred
       Domestic Violence and threats
       25 to life

1996  Howard Mack Scoggins
       Molestation
       6 years, 8 months

**Other Cases Resulting in life terms**

1998  Rich Seth Davis
       Unlawful intercourse with three strikes
       25 years to life

1998  Michael Burtness
       Molestation with strikes
       36 years

2005  Richard Kimbro
       Molestation
       15 years to life

2005  Robert Vasquez
       Molestation
       20 years to life
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