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Cardelli Pleads Guilty in Child Molestation Case

On Monday, June 20, 2011, Dino Alfred Cardelli, 50, of McKinleyville, pled guilty to one count of continuous sexual abuse of a minor under 14 years of age, one count of attempting to dissuade a witness and 25 misdemeanor counts of violating a court order not to contact a witness. He also pled guilty to one count of misdemeanor annoying or molesting a child that involved a second victim.

Cardelli is due to appear mid July in front of Judge W. Bruce Watson to review the status of sentencing. He faces up to 18 years in the California Department of Corrections and will also be required to register as a sex offender for life.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kelly Neel.

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