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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced today that Ramon Wade Renfro of Pace was convicted on Thursday, July 10, 2014 by a Santa Rosa County Jury of Lewd or Lascivious Battery, Lewd or Lascivious Molestation, Unlawful Sexual Activity with Minors, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child and Tattooing a Minor. The 40 year old Renfro was supervising a group of teenagers on a weekend camping trip to Webb Landing in Chumuckla in February 2013. During the camping trip, Renfro fondled and had sexual intercourse with several of the girls who were between 14 and 16 years old. He gave the teens vodka, whiskey and beer to get them drunk before molesting them. Renfro used tools he brought with him to give one of the girls a tattoo on her buttocks and another a tattoo near her genitals. One of the girls disclosed the activity to her parents after returning from the trip. They notified the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office and Investigator Alvin Bicasan conducted an investigation, which led to Renfro's arrest on May 24, 2013. When questioned by Investigator Bicasan, Renfro denied engaging in any sexual acts or inappropriate touching. He further denied providing or bringing alcohol on the camping trip. Renfro claimed that he had not given the girls tattoos; however, during the trial prosecutor Stephanie Pace introduced photographic evidence of the tattoos. Witnesses testified that they had seen Renfro giving the tattoos and engaging in sexual acts with the girls.

Circuit Judge John Simon also found Renfro guilty of violating his felony probation. Renfro had been placed on 3 years probation on February 10, 2011 for Failure to Redeliver Hired or Leased Property. Judge Simon set sentencing for August 13, 2014. Renfro faces a sentence of up to 50 years in State Prison.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Stephanie Pace prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact her at (850) 981-5500.