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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced that Ramon Wade Renfro was sentenced today by Circuit Judge John Simon to 15 years in state prison for Lewd or Lascivious Battery, Lewd or Lascivious Molestation, 15 years in state prison for Unlawful Sexual Activity with Minors, and 15 years in state prison for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child and Tattooing a Minor. Renfro was convicted of these charges on July 10, 2014 by a Santa Rosa County Jury.

In February 2011, Renfro had been placed on 3 years probation for Failure to Redeliver Hired or Leased Property. Judge Simon sentenced Renfro to 5 years in state prison for violation of probation, to run concurrent to his previous sentence for a total of 45 years in state prison.

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.

Both 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.