

# Defendant Sentenced for Sexually Assaulting 10-Year-Old Child



## Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** March 17, 2020

**CASE:** Michael Alan Khatoonian (Case #17FE010114)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Danny Jensen, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

The Honorable Ernest Sawtelle sentenced Michael Alan Khatoonian to 145 years to life in prison. On December 13, 2019, a jury convicted Khatoonian of two counts of sexually assaulting a child younger than 10 years old, two counts of forcible sexual abuse and one count of lewd and lascivious touching of a child younger than 14 years old. Allegations that Khatoonian has prior strike convictions for battery causing serious bodily injury in 2000 and arson on an inhabited structure in 2006 were also found true.

Khatoonian was at his own home with the victim's mother and her 10-year-old daughter. He sexually assaulted the 10-year-old daughter when her mother was in the bathroom, and also when her mother was sitting on the other side of Khatoonian on the couch.

Khatoonian fled the state during trial and a bench warrant was issued. On February 3, 2020, the Sacramento Regional Post-Release Community Supervision Task Force apprehended Khatoonian in Michigan and escorted him back to Sacramento to be sentenced.