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### Man convicted for failing to register as sex offender

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A Redding man who created a new identity to hide a 1975 forcible rape conviction faces up to six years in prison for failing to register as a sex offender.

A jury convicted Garry Lee Vincelli, 49, of one count of failure to register Thursday after a trial in Shasta County Superior Court.

Vincelli also faces charges in Sonoma County for using a false name to obtain a California identification card and driver's license.

Using the name Jerry Lee Binelli, Vincelli first obtained a fraudulent birth certificate and Social Security card in

Sonoma County in 1994 or 1995, said Shasta County Deputy District Attorney Craig Omura, who prosecuted the case.

Using those documents, he obtained the identification card and then the driver's license, Omura said.

When he moved to Redding in 1999, Vincelli used his alias to buy a house, but registered as a sex offender under his real name, Omura said.

Vincelli also used the Binelli name to buy cars, a truck, an ATV, his Paramount Maintenance business, insurance and bonding for the business and his Red-

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ding business licenses, Omura said.

When he sold his first Redding house and bought another house under the Binelli name, he failed to notify Redding police of his move or the fact that he was using an

alias, Omura said.

When the purchaser of Vincelli's first house learned that his residence was listed under Megan's Law as the home of a sex offender, he called police and told them he had bought the place from a man named Binelli, said investigator Linda Gisske, who arrested Vincelli two years ago.

Gisske learned that Vincelli had pleaded guilty to forcible rape in Napa County in 1975. He was paroled in October 1977, she said.

Vincelli also was placed on probation in Sonoma County in 1995 after he failed to register there, records showed.

Vincelli was first rep-

resented by Redding attorney John Kucera, who said in 2001 that his client had moved to Redding after years of torment in Sonoma County, where people threw eggs and rocks at his house and poisoned his dog after learning that he was a convicted sex offender.

After his arrest was reported in Redding two years ago, someone threw a rock through his front window and slashed tires on his car, Vincelli said at the time.

Superior Court Judge James Ruggiero scheduled Vincelli's sentencing for Jan. 27.

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