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**Press Release  
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced that Level 3 Sex Offender Elias Acevedo, 38, of New Bedford, was convicted by a jury of his peers late Wednesday afternoon in New Bedford Superior Court on charges of rape of a child with force and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

Immediately after the three day trial, Assistant District Attorney Maryclare Flynn requested that Mr. Acevedo be sentenced to life in prison due to the egregiousness of the facts involved. Judge Richard Moses, however, sentenced Acevedo to 12 to 15 years in state prison. Upon his release from prison, Mr. Acevedo will be placed on probation for a term of an additional 10 years. The terms of the probation include GPS monitoring, no contact with any children, stay away from the victims and any witnesses, and undergo sex offender counseling.

Mr. Acevedo was convicted of sexually assaulting two young girls, who are now 11 and 13-years-old. The sexual assaults occurred in New Bedford on diverse dates between 2004 and 2006. The girls made a disclosure in 2006, at which time Mr. Acevedo was arrested. He was initially arraigned in Superior Court on these charges in February of 2008.

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