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## **JUDGE ORDERS PERRIS COUPLE TO STAND TRIAL IN CHILD TORTURE CASE**

**RIVERSIDE** – A Perris couple must stand trial on 49 counts, including torture, involving their 13 children, a Riverside County Superior Court judge ruled today, June 21, 2018.

David Allen Turpin, DOB: 10-17-61; and his wife, Louise Ann Turpin, DOB: 5-24-68, are each charged with 12 counts of torture, 12 counts of false imprisonment, seven counts of abuse of a dependent adult, and eight counts of child abuse. David Turpin also has been charged with one count of a lewd act on a child under the age of 14 by force, fear, or duress as well as eight counts of perjury. Louise Turpin is also charged with one count of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury.

Judge Bernard Schwartz held both defendants over for trial on the 49 counts after a day of testimony at their preliminary hearing on June 20, 2018. Testimony came from six law enforcement officers.

The defendants are scheduled for an information arraignment on Aug. 3, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 44 at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

The crimes the Turpins are charged with committing happened from 2010 to the time of their arrests in January 2018. They moved from the Ft. Worth area in Texas to Murrieta in 2010 and then to Perris about four years later.

The Turpins were arrested after their 17-year-old daughter was able to make her way from the family house on Muir Woods Road in Perris and use a deactivated cell phone to call 911.

The DA's Office asks that anyone with any information about this case contact DA's Sr. Inv. Wade Walsvick toll-free at (888) 934-KIDS (5437) or (951) 955-4KID (4543) or email [wadewalsvick@rivcoda.org](mailto:wadewalsvick@rivcoda.org).

The case, RIF1800348, is being prosecuted by Deputy DA Kevin Beecham and Deputy DA Kimberly DeGonia of the DA's Special Victims Unit.

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