

## Jurors deadlock in Menifee rape case

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A judge Monday declared a mistrial in the case of a Menifee man charged with raping his 9-year-old foster daughter.

Jurors were divided 6-6 and unable to reach a unanimous verdict in the trial of Joseph Patrick Billock.

Billock, 51, an ordained minister, is charged with two counts of raping his foster daughter while she was placed with him briefly in 2005.

The jury had been deliberating since Thursday at the Southwest Justice Center in French Valley. Jurors declined to comment.

Billock will be back in court April 25. He remains in custody in lieu of \$1 million bail.