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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 7 LIFE TERMS FOR MULTIPLE SEXUAL ASSAULTS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jimmy Alexander was sentenced to 175 years-to-life by Judge Andrew G. Liu, who presided over the trial. Alexander had been found guilty by a jury on November 7, 2017 of multiple counts of sexual assault including rape, sodomy and oral copulation all by force. He was also convicted of kidnapping and robbery. His sentencing was delayed by his attempts to relieve his attorney and a motion for new trial which was denied on February 23, 2018.

On April 15 and 16, 2017, Jane Doe was in an area of Salinas known as Chinatown when the defendant got into her car and ordered her to drive away. He ordered her to drive to several different locations over an 8-hour period of time and sexually assaulted her. Jane Doe finally convinced him to get out of her car.

Dr. Mindy Mechanic, an expert on trauma and victim behavior testified that victims often behave in ways that are counter intuitive to how we expect them to behave. For example, studies show that victims of sexual assault physically resist their assailants in less than 20% of cases yet many people believe that they would physically resist. Dr. Mechanic also talked about how victims will often comply out of a desire to survive but that compliance is not consent. Victims of sexual assault are often hesitant to report these crimes because they feel embarrassed or that they are somehow to blame. No person should ever force another person to engage in any sexual acts.

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to report any incidents as soon as they are able but it is well understood that reporting is difficult for many different reasons. While some evidence will be lost with delay, it is important that victims speak out as they may not be the only one who has been assaulted. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center (831) 771-041 for assistance.

As a result of these convictions, Alexander will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life should he ever be released from prison.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department and District Attorney Investigator Jorge Gutierrez.