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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **OXNARD MAN CONVICTED OF MULTIPLE SEXUAL ASSAULTS**

*People v. Jose Esquivel; SS161405A*

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni announced today that on April 4 Jose Esquivel was found guilty by a jury of multiple counts of sexual assault including rape, sodomy and oral copulation all by force and in concert. He was also convicted of kidnapping for a sexual purpose.

The incident occurred August 24, 2013. Jane Doe was visiting from out of the area and got into a vehicle with her girlfriend thinking it was their ride to their hotel. Jane Doe was unfamiliar with the area and when the vehicle started traveling into a rural area, Jane Doe and her girlfriend became scared and ran out of the vehicle. There were two men in the vehicle, the driver and the front passenger. The driver has not yet been identified. The men grabbed Jane Doe, forced her into the vehicle, and drove her to three separate fields. The defendant sexually assaulted Jane Doe in the car and in each of the three fields over the period of two and a half hours. The driver also sexually assaulted Jane Doe in one of the three fields where they stopped. Eventually the men dropped her off near Los Lomas Market and she was able to contact law enforcement.

The jury trial lasted seven days and was presided over by Judge Pamela L. Butler. A sentencing date was set for May 24, 2019. The defendant faces multiple life sentences.

This case was investigated by Detective Galvan of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney Investigator Tracey Spencer. Jane Doe was assisted by the Victim Assistance unit of the District Attorney's Office including Odie, one of two comfort dogs in the office.