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38-YEAR-OLD SEASIDE MAN PLED GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING AND CHILD MOLESTATION

People v Juan Rojas-Cervantes; 18CR010919

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Juan Rojas-Cervantes, age 38, a resident of Seaside, pled guilty to kidnapping, sodomizing, and orally copulating a minor under 14 years of age. All three charges are violent felonies and are considered “strikes” under California’s Three Strikes law.

Jane Doe, who was thirteen years old at the time, reported that she met Rojas-Cervantes, who was 37 years old at the time, on a social media application. Rojas-Cervantes’ social media profile stated he was 27 years old. Jane Doe’s profile stated that she was 18 years old. Jane Doe and Rojas-Cervantes agreed to meet up around October 29, 2018. Jane Doe reported that Rojas-Cervantes kidnapped her and sexually assaulted her. During an interview with the police, Rojas-Cervantes initially denied sexually assaulting Jane Doe, but later he admitted engaging in some sex acts with Doe.

Judge Rafael Vazquez will sentence Rojas-Cervantes to fifteen years in prison on July 25, 2019. In addition to his prison sentence, Rojas-Cervantes will be required to register as a sex offender for life.

The case was investigated by many officers from the Marina Police Department, U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID).