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16 year old Woodlander Convicted of Brutal Rape and Kidnapping

(Woodland, CA) Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on September 30, 2009, a Yolo County jury convicted 16 year old Woodlander Alejandro Alfonso Sanchez of Woodland, of forcible rape, kidnapping and assault.

On January 24, 2009, in the city of Woodland, Sanchez brutally kidnapped, raped and assaulted his 14 year old victim, with whom he was acquainted from junior high school. Sanchez told the victim that he was going to rape her and when she did not cooperate, he choked her. The next thing the victim remembered was waking up naked in the backseat of Sanchez's car while he was driving somewhere in the country. The victim put her clothes back on and then jumped out of the moving car in a desperate attempt to save her life. A Good Samaritan picked up the victim and took her home where her parents immediately took her to the hospital.

The victim suffered severe rape-related injuries as well as a broken ankle and numerous scratches and abrasions on her neck and body.

Sanchez faces a maximum sentence of 15 years to life in state prison. The Honorable Thomas L. Warriner will sentence Sanchez on October 30, 2009.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michelle Serafin, who stated, "The courage of the victim who had to relive this vicious attack in her testimony was amazing. I am so grateful that justice will be served." Serafin added that the Woodland Police Department did an outstanding job of investigating this horrific case and that Victim Advocate Estela Morales was critical in helping the victim get through the court process.

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