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## 17 year old Woodlander Sentenced for Brutal Rape and Kidnapping

(Woodland, CA) - January 11, 2010 – Today, Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on January 8, 2010, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Thomas L. Warriner sentenced 17 year old Woodlander Alejandro Alfonso Sanchez to 15 years to life in state prison for raping and kidnapping a 14 year old girl.

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 county. 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.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, "The horrific details of the kidnap and rape in this case justified the lengthy prison sentence imposed by the Court."

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 was served."

Sanche z will be eligible for parole and release from prison in 12 years and 9 months.

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