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Three Life Sentences for West Sacramento Man Convicted in Double Kidnapping for Rape Case

(Woodland, CA) – January 14th, 2011- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Friday, January 14, 2011, Yolo County Superior Court Judge Stephen L. Mock sentenced Theodore Wooten, 21, of West Sacramento to three consecutive life sentences in state prison. In December, 2011, a Yolo County jury convicted Wooten of multiple sexual assault, kidnapping, and other violent felony charges for attacks on two separate women in May of last year. The total sentence is 56 years, and four months to life in state prison.

Judge Mock stated that he could not recall a more violent sexual assault case in his courtroom.

Wooten forced his way into a West Sacramento motel on May 1, 2010, and tried to rape a mentally ill woman who is often homeless and living on the streets of Sacramento. When she courageously resisted his attack, Wooten savagely beat her, leaving her scalp partially ripped from her skull, and her motel room a bloody mess. He escaped, only to attack a second woman on May 27. On that date, he forced his victim off the street and behind a business in the early morning hours. Fortunately, a concerned citizen called 911 and officers from the West Sacramento Police Department caught Wooten in the act of sexually assaulting his second victim in less than a month.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig said in regard to the sentence: "Without the assistance of the Sacramento Police Bicycle Patrol and the Downtown Partnership, we would not have been able to present this case in court. We thank them for their assistance in helping our victim feel safe in confronting her attacker. Wooten will now go where he belongs for the rest of his life."

Reisig commended the efforts of many people who assisted in the effort, including advocates from the Victim Services Unit of the District Attorney's Office, and many people from the West Sacramento Police Department.