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## SEXUAL ATTACKER CONVICTED

Woodland, CA – March 3, 2008 - A Yolo County jury convicted Timothy Thompson, 18, of multiple felony offenses stemming from the October 26, 2006 sexual attack of a 23 year old woman near an apartment complex on Matmor Road in Woodland. The victim had been using the laundry room at the complex when she was grabbed from behind by Thompson, who was a stranger to her. Thompson dragged her to a more secluded location, forced the victim to orally copulate him and raped her. Thompson then forcefully took the victim to an elementary school nearby and again forced the victim to orally copulate him and attempted to digitally penetrate the victim. Thompson was convicted of two felony counts of oral copulation during the course of a kidnap, rape in the course of a kidnap and attempted digital penetration. He faces a potential sentence of 49 years to life. The jury was unable to reach verdicts on one count each of kidnap for the purpose of oral copulation and attempted sodomy.

Prosecutor Carolyn Palumbo praised the efforts of the jury to reach verdicts after two and a half days deliberation.

According to District Attorney Jeff Reisig, "Sexual assault of a stranger in a public place is fairly rare in relation to the total number of sexual crimes that are committed. A person who would do this type of offense is extremely dangerous and must be prosecuted to the fullest extent."

Thompson will be sentenced on April 7<sup>th</sup> in Department 4 of the Yolo County Superior Court.

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