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Man Enters Pleas to Rape for Sexual Assault at Davis Community Church

(Woodland, CA) – November 13, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Christopher Lynn Turk, 26, pled no contest to Forcible Rape with the use of a deadly weapon and Robbery. This plea came on the day that the jury trial against Mr. Turk was set to begin. By entering this plea, Mr. Turk will receive a sentence of 15 to life for the Rape with a deadly weapon and an additional five years for the robbery.

On January 26, 2013, Mr. Turk had been staying at the homeless shelter provided by Davis Community Church when he noticed the victim looking for a pet adoption location. Mr. Turk lured her inside the church under the guise that she had in fact found the location for the pet adoption. At the top of a stairwell, Mr. Turk threatened the victim with a pair of scissors and then proceeded to rape the victim. Mr. Turk then took the victim's cell phone and money. He told her to count to 100 before leaving the location; the victim followed his directions and then went home to call police. Two days later, Mr. Turk was arrested and found in possession of the victim's phone. A forensic search of the phone established that Mr. Turk was calling his relatives a short time after the rape. In addition, DNA taken from the crime scene and from the victim identified Mr. Turk as the rapist.

Jeff Reisig stated, "The brazenness in which this crime was committed against a perfectly innocent stranger demands that Mr. Turk receive a life sentence. By reaching this plea agreement we avoid requiring the victim to relive this nightmare in front of a jury and the Defendant." Deputy District Attorney Deanna Hays stated that "the prosecution of this matter was possible due to the cooperation of citizens, the excellent follow-up investigation performed by the Davis Police Department, and the assistance of the Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Division."

Mr. Turk will be sentenced by the Honorable Stephen L. Mock in Department 3 of the Yolo Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. on December 13, 2013.

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