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**Sacramento Man Sentenced to 78 years to life for rape**

(Woodland, CA) – June 15, 2017 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on June 9, 2017, 30-year-old Yolo County Superior Court Judge David Reed sentenced Sacramento man Marcellus Coleman to 78 years-to-life for forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, violations of restraining orders, domestic violence, resisting arrest and enhancements for a forcible sex crime occurring during a burglary and during an aggravated kidnapping. His sentence also included enhancements for having a prior strike offense and prior prison commitment.

On January 11, 2017, at midnight, Coleman arrived at the home of the mother of his children in violation of two restraining orders. When allowed inside the home by one of the children, Coleman went into the victim's bedroom and forcibly orally copulated her while her two-year-old child was asleep in the same bed. When the victim escaped the bedroom, Coleman pushed her back into the bedroom in front of her 12-year-old child. He then raped her.

Deputy District Attorney, Jennifer McHugh, prosecuted the case. "The defendant showed no remorse for his actions or the impact of his crimes on the victim and her children. This jury heard remarkably courageous testimony from the victim as well as from a minor child who was unfortunately subjected to witnessing the terror of a domestic violence attack" said McHugh.

District Attorney Reisig stated "We will continue to vigorously prosecute those who prey upon the vulnerable in committing domestic violence crimes. Domestic violence and sexual assault are devastating to victims and their entire family and it is only through the strength of victims coming forward that these crimes can be addressed."

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