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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**THREE CONVICTED OF RAPE-IN-CONCERT**

Woodland, CA - On Wednesday afternoon June 4<sup>th</sup>, a jury returned guilty verdicts on three young men, 23 year old Israel Sanchez of Fairfield, 21 year old Alberto Sanchez (no relation) of Dixon and 19 year old Edgar Radillo of Dixon accused of participating in a rape-in-concert of a young woman they had offered a ride to after she had been drinking at bars in Davis, CA. The jury returned guilty verdicts on all charges and enhancements against the driver of the car, Israel Sanchez and the front seat passenger Alberto Sanchez who had given directions to the driver on how to get to the secluded area off of County Road 102 between Woodland and Davis where the rapes occurred. The two were both convicted of Kidnapping, two counts of Rape by force and Rape-in-concert with enhancements for kidnapping and for kidnapping which substantially increases the risk of harm to the victim. They were also convicted of Assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury, False imprisonment with force and violence and Sexual Battery. The third defendant, Edgar Radillo, was a backseat passenger in the car and was convicted by the jury of all the same charges except for Kidnapping and the associated kidnapping enhancements. The first two defendants face multiple life terms while Edgar Radillo faces between 12 and 20 years in State Prison.

The crime happened in the early morning hours of August 12, 2006, when the young woman had accepted a ride home from four young men in a car. Instead of driving her home they drove out into the country where the driver and a rear seat passenger raped the young woman after they had taken off her skirt and panties. The front seat passenger gave condoms to the two men who raped the woman and he also later kicked her in the head after the rapes. The young woman was left at the scene and was later spotted walking down County Road 102 by a passing police officer. She was wearing nothing from the waist down. The fourth young man in the car, who did not participate directly in the assault, had left a Dorritos bag at the scene of the rapes which contained his fingerprint and later led to the identification of the suspects. In addition, condoms used in the assault were later tied by DNA evidence to Israel Sanchez and Edgar Radillo.

According to prosecuting attorney Carolyn Palumbo, "These young men took advantage of a trusting young woman and brutally assaulted her and left her in the middle of nowhere. She bravely testified against them and now they won't be able to harm anyone else." District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the jury's verdicts and said "The crime of rape is horrific. While nothing will ever reverse the harm caused to this young victim, these men will now be incarcerated in prison for a very long time."

The three will be sentenced by Judge Thomas E. Warriner at a future court date. For more information, contact Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Mount at (530) 666-8180.