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LIFE SENTENCE FOR SEX CRIMES

Woodland, 11/5/08 - Timothy Thompson, 18, of Woodland, was sentenced by Yolo County Superior Court Judge Thomas Warriner to eighteen years to life for multiple sex crimes committed in Woodland on October 26, 2008. A Yolo County jury returned verdicts of guilty following a trial that occurred in March, 2008. Sentencing was delayed for Thompson to file a new trial motion that was denied prior to sentencing.

At the trial, the jury heard evidence that Thompson grabbed a young woman from inside her apartment complex in Woodland and forced her around the corner of her apartment building where he raped her and forced her to orally copulate him. He then dragged her to Prairie Park where he again forced her to orally copulate him. During the attack, Thompson also attempted to digitally penetrate her vagina. Thompson was convicted of five felonies: one count of forcible rape, two counts of forcible oral copulation and one count of attempted digital penetration. The jury also found that Thompson committed the rape and oral copulations during the course of a kidnap.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Palumbo stated, "I am disappointed that the judge did not sentence Mr. Thompson to the maximum allowed by law, but am pleased that the defendant will be off the streets of Yolo County for a significant period of time."

District Attorney Jeff Reisig added, "Sexual offenders who target complete strangers, as Mr. Thompson did, are some of our most dangerous criminals. Our office will continue to prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law and advocate for severe penalties for these crimes." For further information please contact Chief Deputy District Attorney Ann Hurd at (530) 666-8180.

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