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**Woodland Man Convicted of Raping Classmate at Party**

(Woodland, CA) Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that yesterday a Yolo County jury convicted 22 year old Jeffrey Lockwood of Woodland of the June 2005 rape of a 17 year female.

In the week after graduation in June of 2005, another recent Woodland High School graduate who's parents had gone on vacation leaving the 18 year old home alone, had parties at his parent's home several nights that week where alcohol and marijuana were present. At one of these parties, the victim was approached and ultimately raped by the defendant with whom she had shared a class their senior year. The rape occurred in an isolated bedroom in the home.

The victim did not immediately report the incident to authorities but had told friends of the incident and eventually her family and the police. The young woman was taken to the U.C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento where a Sexual Assault exam noted injuries consistent with rape.

Further examination of the physical evidence from the sexual assault exam as well as later DNA testing of clothes the victim was wearing the night of the assault showed the presence of sperm heads, and ultimately DNA consistent with the defendant. This type of DNA testing referred to as YSTR's did not become available for use by the California Department of Justice Crime Labs until March of 2008. Previous methods of DNA testing were not sufficiently sensitive to detect a male DNA pattern amongst the overwhelming presence of the victim's DNA.

The jury found Lockwood guilty of two counts of forcible rape, one count of false imprisonment and one count of statutory rape. On April 3, 2009, Lockwood will be sentenced by Yolo County Superior Court Judge Arvid Johnson, who presided over both this trial and an earlier trial in which Lockwood had been convicted of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Burglary of a friend's residence while he was out on bail on the rape charges. Lockwood is facing between 7 to 16 years in State Prison. In addition to being statutorily ineligible for probation, the rape conviction requires lifetime registration as a sex offender. Both the rape and the earlier 1<sup>st</sup> degree burglary charges are "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law.

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Steven Mount prosecuted the case. Mount stated "I am very happy for the victim and her family. This young woman has been very brave having to endure testifying about her assault at several court appearances. She has had to wait far too long for a unanimous jury to validate her. It is time the defendant be held accountable for his actions and his ridiculous story that he never touched the victim."

District Attorney Jeff Reisig lauded the diligent efforts of criminalists at the California Department of Justice's forensic lab. "The DNA analysis conducted by the folks at DOJ was critical to obtaining this conviction. I only wish the state allocated additional financial resources to allow DOJ to provide even more expedient services."

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