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PATTERSON RAPIST GETS LIFE

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Genaro Fernandez Anaya, age 42, of Patterson, was sentenced to 76 years-to-life in prison after being convicted at jury trial on February 8, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

In December of 2006, the victim was 23 years old and home alone when Anaya forced his way into her home, after knocking at the door claiming to have a package for the victim's father. She grabbed a knife as she ran through the kitchen to attempt to lock herself in the bathroom. The defendant cornered her in the bathroom, took the knife, threatened her with it and sexually assaulted her. The victim was still curled up on the bathroom floor and hysterical when her father returned within 30 minutes after the attack. Anaya was a stranger to the victim, and wore a black, long sleeved sweatshirt. The victim viewed five different line ups over the course of the next 6 months without success. Finally, a tip came in that lead to a sixth and final line-up, and the victim immediately identified her assailant.

Genaro Anaya was already in custody on another domestic violence case against his second wife when he was charged with this rape. His first wife, the victim of three counts of spousal rape by Anaya, also testified at the trial.

At the same hearing, Anaya's motion for a new trial was denied by the Honorable Donald Shaver who presided over the jury trial. He also denied the Defendant's motion to 'strike his strikes' in order to receive a lesser sentence. Anaya was prosecuted under both the 'One-Strike' sex offense law, as well as California's 3 Strikes law.