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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Rene Preciado Trujillo
Sexual predator convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rene Preciado Trujillo, age 38, of Turlock was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury on October 6, 2021 of kidnapping for the purpose of carjacking; kidnapping for the purpose of sexual penetration; assault with the intent to commit rape, sexual penetration, or oral copulation; assault likely to cause great bodily injury; and threatening to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury. Deputy District Attorney Monroe Tyler prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On March 31, 2018 at approximately 3:00 a.m., victim Jane Doe was sitting alone in her vehicle after dropping off several friends. Trujillo entered her vehicle and immediately threatened her saying "drive me home or I will kill you." Trujillo had Doe drive to an unknown area in Turlock and park by an abandoned trailer. Trujillo refused Doe's request to let her go, assaulted and threatened her, forcibly blew methamphetamine smoke into her mouth and sexually assaulted her. When Doe tried to signal a nearby vehicle for help, Trujillo knocked her unconscious.

The next morning, Trujillo later drove them to Delhi, where he ran out of gas in the middle of the road. Doe was able to escape from the car, ran across a field and contacted a local resident and called 911. A sexual assault examination revealed various injuries including numerous bruises on her body, a head injury and a bruise on her nose where when Trujillo had hit her with his elbow. Trujillo's DNA was found on the victim's face and neck in the areas where she later testified he had kissed her without her consent.

Jury trial began on September 7, 2021. The case went to the jury for deliberations on September 24, 2021, but was delayed due to a juror testing positive for COVID. Deliberations resumed on October 5th with guilty verdicts the next day.

Trujillo faces a minimum sentence of at least seven years to life in prison. He also must register as a sex offender with law enforcement for the rest of his life.

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