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Sacramento Man Convicted of Rape

(Woodland, CA) – April 25, 2017 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on April 24, 2017, a jury found 30-year-old Sacramento man, Marcelus Coleman, guilty of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, violations of restraining orders, domestic violence, resisting arrest and enhancements for a forcible sex crime occurring during a burglary and during an aggravated kidnapping.

On January 11, 2017, at midnight, Coleman arrived at the home of the victim in violation of two restraining orders. When allowed inside the home by one of the victim's children, Coleman went into the victim's bedroom and forcibly sexually assaulted her while her two year old child was asleep in the same bed. When the victim escaped the bedroom, Coleman pushed her back into the bedroom in front of her 12 year old child. He then raped her.

Deputy District Attorney, Jennifer McHugh, prosecuted the case. McHugh praised the victims' strength and the support from her victim advocate. "The victim demonstrated incredible courage by coming forward and testifying truthfully to the horrific things the defendant did to her over their 10 year relationship," said McHugh.

District Attorney Reisig stated that his office vigorously prosecutes these cases. "Domestic violence and sexual assault are devastating to victims and their entire family and it is only through the strength of victims coming forward that these crimes can be addressed," said Reisig.

Coleman will be sentenced on May 22, 2017, by the Honorable David Reed. Coleman faces life in state prison.

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