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Re: *The People of the State of California v. Jerry Providence Bonhomme; Case #1418996*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Jerry Providence Bonhomme, age 33, was sentenced to 19 years in state prison for raping two different women.

A jury convicted Bonhomme in July of four charges including two rape charges. Yesterday, the Honorable Frank Ochoa presided over his sentencing hearing. At the sentencing hearing a victim impact statement was read on behalf of one of the rape victims who expressed her belief that Mr. Bonhomme is a danger to women. In addition to the 19 years he will spend in state prison, Mr. Bonhomme must register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and pay restitution costs for therapy. Judge Ochoa said during the sentencing, "In my 32 years on the bench, I have never seen a more sophisticated manipulation of a position of trust and friendship to avail persons into victimization." "I cannot give you enough time for what you did to these [victims]" he concluded.

"Jerry Bonhomme is a sexual predator," stated Senior Deputy District Attorney Paula Waldman. Waldman continued, "With this sentence, a serial rapist is out of the public and away from women for the maximum allowable time under the law. We could not have accomplished this just result without the bravery of the victims who came forward and testified."

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