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**Re: Luis A. Martinez-Garcia; Case #1477408**

**LUIS A. MARTINEZ-GARCIA SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN CARPINTERIA AND LOS ANGELES**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Luis A. Martinez-Garcia pled to multiple felony counts stemming from the sexual assault of two separate women, one crime occurring in Carpinteria and the other in Los Angeles County.

On July 25, 2015, Martinez-Garcia entered the Carpinteria residence of a woman who awoke to him sexually assaulting her. When the woman alerted her partner, who was sleeping next to her, the defendant fled their apartment. He was apprehended later that day in Carpinteria and arrested by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Based upon those criminal acts the defendant pled to oral copulation of an unconscious or asleep person, assault with intent to commit oral copulation and residential burglary.

While that case was being prosecuted, a DNA match was made linking the defendant to an unsolved rape in Los Angeles County which occurred on May 17, 2015.

In that case, a woman who was visiting a nightclub in downtown Los Angeles became separated from her friends after she had been drinking. When some good Samaritans came upon her they attempted to assist her and took her to a police station. Based upon the circumstances, the woman feared she had been sexually assaulted. From the police station she was taken to a medical facility where she received a sexual assault examination. The evidence collected during that examination provided a DNA match to the defendant.

Upon discovery of the DNA match, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office sought and received permission from the Los Angeles County District Attorney to also prosecute that case in Santa Barbara County.

Based upon that criminal act, the defendant pled to one count of rape of a person who was prevented from resisting by an intoxicating substance.

During the initial sentencing hearing in June of this year, the Carpinteria victims, Jane Doe #1 and her partner, stated, "Never in our lives did we think we would fall victim to such a disturbing and heinous act in our own home. We are grateful that (the defendant) is off the street and (he) is not able to inflict (his) sickness on anyone else. We are also grateful that there is justice for the other girl who was violated..."

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Also during the sentencing hearing, the Los Angeles County victim, Jane Doe #2, stated, "Allow me to introduce myself, I am the young lady you raped. Since we never really met I thought you should know who you did this to. I am an only daughter of two loving parents, the only sister of two wonderful older brothers, and a loving aunt. I am someone's granddaughter. This was the prey you chose to force yourself upon. I wonder if you would have still done it if you knew me as a person."

In separate matters, the defendant was additionally convicted of two counts of insurance fraud occurring in 2014, in which he filed fraudulent insurance claims with his automobile insurance company.

The defendant's aggregate sentence is 19 years, four months in state prison. The defendant's sentencing hearing was finalized yesterday, August 21, 2017.

District Attorney Joyce Dudley commended the bravery of the victims for their unwavering commitment to the investigation and prosecution of their cases, and to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department, for their thorough investigation of the sexual assault crimes. Additionally, we want to thank the California Department of Insurance which investigated the insurance fraud cases.

District Attorney Dudley added, "The fact that the defendant was sentenced to multiple felony charges and nearly two decades in prison is a direct result of the tenacity and hard work of Sr. Deputy District Attorney Mary Barron."

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