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**Re: *People v. Joseph Archie Hetzel, Case Number 17CR09017***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Joseph Archie Hetzel pled guilty to one count of kidnapping, a violent felony offense. Hetzel also admitted that he was convicted in 2006 of a serious felony and a special allegation that will add a five-year enhancement. Hetzel is scheduled to be sentenced on February 21, 2019, where it is expected he will receive 11 years in state prison and be served with a criminal protective order that will restrain him from having any contact with Jane Doe.

This case arose on September 1, 2017, when Hetzel kidnapped Jane Doe as she was leaving her workplace in Solvang. After an extensive investigation and search by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with law enforcement agencies across three states, Hetzel was apprehended in Las Vegas, Nevada after three days on the run through California, Arizona, and Nevada. Jane Doe was also found in Las Vegas and returned to safety.

The hard work and dedication of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office throughout this multi-state investigation allowed for the successful prosecution of this case. This guilty plea, coupled with an 11 year prison commitment, will protect the public's safety and ensure justice for Jane Doe.

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