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Re: People v. Miguel Gonzalez Pelayo

On April 24, 2018, in Department 7 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Tim P. Kam, the jury found the defendant, Miguel Pelayo, Guilty of two counts of Forcible Rape in violation of Penal Code Section 261(a)(2), one count of Forcible Oral Copulation in violation of Penal Code Section 288a(c)(2)(C), five counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault in violation of Penal Code Section 269(a)(1) and (a)(4), one count of Attempted Digital Penetration with a person under 18 in violation of Penal Code Section 664/289(h), one count of Lewd Act Upon a Child under 14 in violation of Penal Code section 288(a), one count of Criminal Threats in violation of Penal Code section 422, one count of Domestic Battery in violation of Penal Code Section 243(e) and one count of Disobeying a Court Order in violation of Penal Code Section 166(c)(1). The jury hung on count 13, Intimidating a Witness in violation of Penal Code Section 136.1(a)(2).



Beginning in 2005, the defendant began molesting a 5-year-old child who was under his care. The molestation quickly escalated to forcible sexual assaults which occurred on multiple occasions over an extremely lengthy period of time. During the 10 years that the defendant subjected this young child to sexual abuse, the defendant threatened the victim into silence and closely monitored her activity.

In addition to committing numerous sexual assaults, the defendant assaulted and threatened the victim's mother in December 2015. After eventual disclosures to family members, the Fairfield Police Department was contacted. After a 12-hour standoff with the police, the defendant was extracted from his house and arrested.

After a month long trial, where the victim testified about the horrific abuse the defendant subjected her to, the jury returned a verdict of guilty on the above mentioned charges. This was the third time the victim had to testify, as the two initial trials ended in a mistrial. She showed a tremendous amount of courage and bravery to face her perpetrator and be questioned about the abuse.

The defendant is being held without bail, and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 17, 2018, at 1:30p.m. in Department 7. The defendant is facing up to 75 years to life plus a determinate term of 35 years.

Detective Kathryn McCormick of the Fairfield Police Department investigated the case. District Attorney Investigator Vicki Rister conducted the follow-up investigation. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Ilana Shapiro. Cynthia Malloy was the victim advocate.