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## CASE OF INTEREST

### **Defendant Sentenced for Assault, Attempted Rape, Robbery of Elderly Woman**

**DATE:** September 2, 2016

**CASE:** Joseph McKeever

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Bruce Chang, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Helena Gweon sentenced Joseph McKeever to 14 years to life in prison. On June 23, 2016, a jury convicted McKeever of attempted rape, assault to commit rape during the commission of a residential burglary, and home invasion robbery. The jury also found true the crimes were committed against an elderly victim.

McKeever saw the elderly victim walking her dog. He followed the victim to her home and forced his way into her residence. When the victim tried to escape, McKeever punched her in the face, grabbed her arms, and threw her on the ground. McKeever then got on top of the victim, choked her, and sexually assaulted her. McKeever also took \$900 in cash from her purse.

When McKeever's mother recognized a composite sketch she saw on the news as her son, she called the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to report her son was the suspect.