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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Sentenced to Life for Series of Rapes

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CASE: Jose Gomez-Garcia (Case #10F05320)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Matt Chisholm, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Shelleyanne Chang sentenced Jose Gomez-Garcia to 206 years to life in prison. On June 23, 2016, a jury convicted Gomez of six felony counts of forcible rape, two felony counts of forcible sodomy, and one felony count of forcible oral copulation. The jury also found true a multiple victim enhancement on eight counts.

From June 2002 to October 2002, Gomez-Garcia raped three women by force. Each victim was taken to a deserted warehouse parking lot and violently raped. Two of the victims were sodomized. Gomez-Garcia controlled each victim by grabbing them around the neck and making threats. All three victims immediately reported the sexual assaults to law enforcement. DNA recovered from each of the victims was analyzed by the District Attorney's Crime Lab. The three cases were linked to each other, but not to a suspect.

In 2004, Gomez-Garcia was arrested for illegal re-entry after deportation, which resulted in a federal felony conviction. While in custody, federal authorities collected Gomez-Garcia's DNA. In 2010, there was a DNA hit to Gomez-Garcia, who by that time had been deported to Mexico. Extradition proceedings were initiated and he was returned to Sacramento in 2014 to face these charges.

Gomez-Garcia has a prior 1998 strike conviction for shooting into an inhabited dwelling.