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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Sentenced for Sexually Assaulting Woman on Train

DATE: September 28, 2018

CASE: Jerron Rolen (Case #17FE020552)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Bret Wasley, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution

Unit

The Honorable Eugene Balonon sentenced Jerron Rolen to 25 years to life in prison. On August 6, 2018, a jury convicted Rolen of sexual assault by foreign object while the victim is unconscious and assault with intent to commit mayhem, rape, sodomy, oral copulation.

On October 31, 2017, Rolen boarded an Amtrak train. The 20-year-old victim boarded the same train and was assigned a seat next to Rolen. The two chatted for a few hours until the victim decided to go to sleep. The victim woke up to Rolen sexually assaulting her. The terrified victim told Rolen she needed to use the restroom and sat next to someone else. When the train arrived in Sacramento, the victim told a train attendant about the assault. Rolen was arrested on the train.

Rolen's two prior 2012 strike convictions in the state of Washington for child sexual assault were also found true at sentencing.