

Defendants Convicted of Robbery, Kidnapping Charges



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DATE: March 29, 2018

CASE: Crystal Graham & Joe Navarro (Case #16FE017331)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Sydne Christensen, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

Crystal Graham and Joe Navarro were convicted by two separate juries of robbery and multiple kidnapping related charges. The court also found that Navarro had seven prior prison commitments.

On August 28, 2016, Graham took the victim back to her motel room. Navarro was waiting in the room, assaulted the victim and stole his wallet and keys. He also forced the victim to give him his ATM pin number. Navarro bound the victim's hands and covered his face. Navarro and Graham then kidnapped the victim and drove him to multiple locations. During the course of the kidnapping the victim was able to loosen his hands, which caused Graham to panic and pull over on the shoulder of the highway. The victim was able to open the door and run towards oncoming traffic for help. Navarro was later found in Salinas and was returned to Sacramento. Graham was extradited to Sacramento from Nebraska.

Navarro's criminal history includes convictions for assault with a deadly weapon, vehicle theft, unlawful sexual intercourse with a child, sexual battery, failure to register as a sex offender, drug sales and possession of ammunition by a prohibited person.

Graham faces a maximum sentence of 12 years to life in prison and

will be sentenced on April 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Navarro faces a maximum sentence of 19 years to life in prison and will be sentenced on May 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Both sentencings will be in Department 40 before the Honorable Raoul Thorbourne.

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