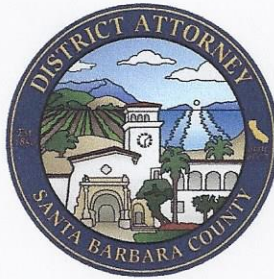


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**Re: People v. Juan Ramirez aka Jose Flores**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that 35-year old Juan Ramirez aka Jose Flores was sentenced to life in state prison after having been convicted of rape during a residential burglary. On August 9, 2013, a Santa Barbara jury found Ramirez guilty of assault with intent to commit rape during a residential burglary and rape.

During the early morning hours of January 22, 2011, defendant pried open a window screen, proceeded to crawl through the apartment window in Isla Vista, and raped a 19-year old USCB student, resulting in her sustaining injuries. The crime remained unsolved until DNA evidence was linked to the defendant from a state criminal database approximately six months after the crime.

District Attorney Dudley commended Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Ladinig, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Justice Criminal Lab in Goleta for their work in investigating, analyzing evidence, and prosecuting this heinous crime. Dudley also added that home invasion sexual assault crimes are often people's worst nightmare and that careful investigation accompanied by vigorous prosecution can make all the difference in securing both personal and public safety.

Prosecuting attorney Ladinig also wishes to thank Jane Doe, her family, and other former students of UCSB who bravely testified during the course of this trial.

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