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29 Prior Strike Offender Known As “The Pillowcase Rapist” Found Guilty of Kidnapping
People v. Ronald Feldmeier: Kern County Superior Court Case BF195305A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant trial conviction on a kidnapping case involving Ronald Feldmeier, known as “The Pillowcase Rapist.” On March 20, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder, a Kern County jury found Feldmeier guilty of kidnapping. The court acquitted the defendant on a second count, false imprisonment, as a matter of law based on the specific facts of the case at trial. By law, only the kidnapping charge could go before the jury for consideration. This conviction comes from a retrial of the case after a previous jury did not come to a verdict back in December 2023 on the same charge.

After his conviction, Feldmeier admitted to being released on bail for another criminal case when he committed the kidnapping, 29 prior strike convictions including over 24 violent sex offenses and admitted that the kidnapping case involved a vulnerable victim and that he engaged in violent conduct that indicates that he is a serious danger to society.

On June 26, 2023, the defendant preyed upon a homeless woman near a Jack in the Box drive through when he offered to buy her food in exchange for eating in his car with him. After the victim got into his car, she became scared and asked to be let out of his car as they drove on Ming Avenue. Feldmeier refused to let the victim out of the car and drove faster to keep her in his car against her will. The victim believed Feldmeier was going to take her out to the middle of nowhere to rape and possibly kill her. In fear for her life, the victim jumped from Feldmeier’s car to escape. She suffered severe injuries including road rash abrasions over 20% of her body, a head laceration, chunks of hair missing from her scalp, and a loss of consciousness.

Feldmeier fled the scene while the victim ran house to house screaming for help. A good Samaritan called 911 to help her. Bakerfield Police Department responded to the scene and contacted the terrified victim. Within a few hours, the victim was able to identify her kidnapper and the Feldmeier was arrested.

At the time of the crime, Feldmeier was on bail on a failure to register as a sex offender case that he committed in 2020, a few months after he was paroled to Kern County after serving 35 years in prison for his violent sex offenses in 1986. Feldmeier was ultimately convicted on that case in 2023 and was sentenced to 6 years in prison.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Feldmeier has proven time and time again of the danger he is to society. A criminal with a history of 24 violent sex offenses should have never been paroled. I’m grateful for this conviction as justice was served and peace is restored.”

Sentencing on the kidnapping conviction is scheduled for April 24, 2024, before the Honorable John R. Brownlee in Department 6 of the Kern County Superior Court. Feldmeier faces up to 26 years to life in prison which will run consecutive to the 6 year sentence he received in 2023.

Ronald Feldmeier:

