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Robertson Convicted for Kidnapping Massage Therapist for Rape/Oral Copulation
People v. Isaiah Robertson: Kern County Superior Court Case BF195897A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a kidnapping for rape/oral copulation case. On October 9, 2024, a Kern County jury convicted defendant Isaiah Robertson of Kidnapping to Commit Rape/Oral Copulation, Assault to Commit Rape/Sodomy/Oral Copulation, Attempted Oral Copulation, and Indecent Exposure. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Richard Choi.

On August 9, 2023, at approximately 11:20 p.m., Isaiah Robertson entered a massage facility in downtown Bakersfield. While getting a massage, Robertson exposed his genitals. The victim made clear that she did not do that kind of massage and offered to give Robertson a refund and left the room. Robertson exited the massage room fully nude and forcibly grabbed the victim and began dragging her back into the room. Ignoring the victim's screams for help and pleas to stop, Robertson attempted to sexually assault the victim. Fortunately, the victim was able to fight off Robertson and escape outside the business, where bystanders came to her aid. Robertson put on his clothes and fled the scene.

Through various surveillance video evidence, it was discovered that Robertson left the business on foot and took the bus back to his residence. Screenshots of Robertson made it into local news outlets and based on that, one of his house mates recognized him and notified law enforcement. A day after the incident, Robertson was located at his house and arrested. A search of his room revealed shoes similar to the ones worn during the offense. Furthermore, Robertson was still wearing the same shirt he wore the day of the incident.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "The victim endured unimaginable terror while she fought to escape Robertson. Although she managed to flee successfully, it is not easy for individuals who face this kind of violence to simply move on. Robertson placed the victim in a highly vulnerable position and has proven to be an extreme threat to public safety."

The sentencing date is set for November 5, 2024, in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court

before the Honorable Judge John Lua. Robertson faces a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole.

Isaiah Robertson:

