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Serial Sex Offender Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sexual Assaults in 2003 and 2020

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Rodolfo Fernandez Franco (DOB 03/20/87), of Oxnard, was sentenced by Judge Anthony Sabo to 60 years to life in prison, plus four additional years for multiple sexual assaults in 2003 and 2020.

The crimes relate to three separate sexual assaults involving three different victims. The first assault occurred February 16, 2003, in Oxnard. The second occurred February 21, 2003, in Ventura. The most recent assault occurred December 20, 2020, in Oxnard. Following the 2020 assault, Franco left behind a face mask at the scene of that crime. DNA testing linked the mask to Franco and to one of the 2003 assaults. Further investigation revealed that Franco was the perpetrator in all three crimes.

On June 24, 2022, a jury found Franco guilty of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, two counts of sodomy by use of force and assault with the intent to commit rape. The jury also found true the special allegation that the offenses involved more than one victim.

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