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Thousand Oaks Sex Offender Convicted of Raping a Woman in Motel Room

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Caleb Dean DeBinion (DOB 10/12/88), of Thousand Oaks, was convicted by a jury on February 21, 2025, for the rape and sexual assault of a woman in a motel room. The jury found DeBinion guilty of forcible rape, false imprisonment, forcible oral copulation, sexual battery, and two counts of sexual penetration by force or fear. Following the verdict, DeBinion was remanded into custody pending sentencing.

On May 24, 2023, after encountering the victim and her mother several times, DeBinion offered them his motel room to take a shower. They accepted his offer and made it clear that they would not provide anything in return. The victim went into the motel room with DeBinion first, so she could shower. When the victim was in the shower, DeBinion entered the bathroom and stepped into the shower completely naked. He proceeded to sexually assault her. Once out of the shower, DeBinion continued to assault the victim even after she told him "no" and "stop". After the assaults, DeBinion forced her to shower again. The victim later escaped the motel room and immediately disclosed what happened. Law enforcement was called and DeBinion was detained.

Deputy District Attorney Rosa Romero, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"I extend my sincere gratitude to the victim for her bravery in facing her accuser in court. We are grateful she was able to obtain the justice she deserves," Ms. Romero said. "I also want to thank the jury for their careful and thorough consideration of all the evidence."

The special allegation DeBinion is charged with, the victim was vulnerable, will be decided by the judge on February 26, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 45.

Case: 2023012975
Defendant Information:

Caleb Dean DeBinion (DOB 10/12/88)

Thousand Oaks

Charges convicted of:

- PC 261(a)(2) Forcible rape
- PC 236 False imprisonment
- PC 287(c)(2) Forcible oral copulation
- (2 counts) PC 289(a)(1)(A) Sexual penetration with force/violence/duress/menace or fear
- PC 243.4(e)(1) Sexual battery

