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Ojai Rapist Sentenced to Prison and Designated Sexually Violent Predator

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jaden Joseph Pullen (DOB 01/30/98), of Ojai, was sentenced to 27 years four months in state prison for sexually assaulting two victims in 2018. Pullen previously pled guilty on September 18, 2026, to two counts of forcible rape, one count of forcible oral copulation on a minor over 14, one count of oral copulation of a person under 18, and one count of unlawful sexual intercourse. He also admitted to the aggravating circumstance of engaging in violent conduct.

The victims came forward in 2020 after Pullen was convicted of forcible rape and sodomy by force against another victim in a separate case. On June 30, 2020, that conviction resulted in a five-year, eight-month prison sentence.

In addition to the prison sentence in the current case, the court determined that Pullen meets the legal definition of a Sexually Violent Predator. This determination was based on his prior conviction and a diagnosed mental disorder that makes him a danger to the health and safety of others because he is likely to engage in sexually violent criminal behavior. After completing his prison sentence, Pullen will be transported to the Department of State Hospitals and committed to a locked facility for treatment until he is determined to no longer pose a danger to the health and safety of the community.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Twyla Atmore, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, prosecuted the case.

"The length of this sentence, which will be followed by an indeterminate civil commitment, reflects the gravity of the defendant's crimes," Ms. Atmore said. "This sentence also assures that our community is now safe from further predatory violence on the part of the defendant."

Case: 2024010232
Defendant Information:
Jaden Joseph Pullen (DOB 01/30/98)
Ojai

Charges pled to:

- PC 261(a)(c) – Forcible rape (2 counts)
- PC 287(c)(2)(C) – Forcible oral copulation on minor over 14
- PC 288a(b)(1) – Oral copulation of a person under 18
- PC 261.5(c) - Unlawful sexual intercourse

Special allegations admitted:

- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – Defendant has engaged in violent conduct

