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OXNARD MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS FROM 2003 AND 2020

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on June 24, 2022, Rodolfo Fernandez Franco (DOB 03/20/81), of Oxnard, was convicted by a jury of one count of forcible rape, one count of forcible oral copulation, two counts of sodomy by use of force and one count of assault with the intent to commit rape. The jury also found true the special allegation that the offenses involved more than victim. The charged offenses relate to three separate sexual assaults involving three different victims. The first sexual assault occurred on February 16, 2003, in Oxnard. The second occurred on February 21, 2003, in Ventura. The most recent occurred on 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 charged assaults.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 46 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Franco faces a maximum possible sentence of 60 years to life, plus 4 years in state prison. This case was investigated by the Oxnard Police Department and prosecuted by the District Attorney's Sexual Assault Unit.

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