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CHICO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS

A Chico man recently convicted of sexually assaulting two women in their own apartments, appeared in Butte County Superior Court today and was sentenced to the maximum term of twelve years in state prison.

Felipe Marquez-Segura, 24, was sentenced today following his earlier plea on March 25, 2021 to two counts of assault with intent to commit rape. In addition, Marquez-Segura will be required to register as a sex offender for life as a result of his convictions.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Marquez-Segura's first attack occurred near 4:00 a.m. on September 8, 2019. An 18-year-old female resident residing in an apartment in the 700 block of West 3rd Street woke up to an unknown male putting his hands down her pants. The man, later identified as Marquez-Segura, then jumped up and fled the apartment and the victim called 911. The victim told Chico police she later discovered that a set of keys to her apartment were missing.

Ramsey the second attack occurred on September 28, 2019, at about 3:00 a.m., when a 22-year-old woman was asleep in an apartment in the 600 block of West 6th Street. She awoke when a man, later identified as Marquez-Segura, pushed himself on top of her, using his body weight to prevent her from leaving. He attempted to pull her pants down, but she was able to free herself and run out of the apartment barefoot. A neighbor called the Chico police reporting he had seen the man prowling in the neighborhood earlier and then saw a barefoot woman running out into the street with the man he saw earlier running away from the nearby apartment.

Ramsey said Marquez-Segura was contacted by University Police a short distance away near the site of the September 8 assault. The two apartments were approximately three to four blocks from each other. Marquez-Segura was in possession of the keys that had been stolen from the first attack.

Ramsey said a search of Marquez-Segura's cell phone revealed surreptitious videos taken of the first victim through her window prior to her attack as well as videos taken through her window approximately one week later on September 14, 2019. Videos of the second victim were also found on his phone showing her to be asleep on a futon bed in her apartment just prior to his assault of that victim.

Ramsey said, "The defendant brazenly entered the homes of sleeping and vulnerable young women, violating their sense of safety within their own homes. We commend the work of the Chico Police Department and University Police. Their thorough investigation resulted in taking a dangerous predator off the streets."

