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Convicted Sex Offender Publicly Known as "The Pillowcase Rapist" Found Guilty for Failing to Register as a Sex Offender in Kern County

People v. Ronald Feldmeier: Kern County Superior Court Case #BF180042A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a case where an over twenty-time convicted sex offender, Ronald Feldmeier, failed to register as a sex offender while on Parole in Kern County.

On October 10, 2023, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder, a Kern County jury found defendant, Ronald Feldmeier, guilty of failing to update his sex offender registration after a change of address. In addition, during a bench trial following the guilty verdict, the trial court also found his twenty prior strike convictions to be true.

Ronald Feldmeier was originally convicted back in 1986 for committing a string of rapes in the Sacramento County area. He was named "The Pillowcase Rapist" by the public. The defendant was sentenced to sixty-seven years in prison. The defendant was released on parole after serving only thirty-five years of his sentence due to elder parole laws. He was paroled to Kern County in September 2019. Upon his arrival in Kern County the defendant signed several documents; including at least two Sex Offender Registration packets detailing his registration obligations. However, when the defendant moved from one residence to another in December of 2019, he failed to update his address with Bakersfield Police Department as required by the law. He was arrested in February of 2020.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Never have the sex-offender registration requirements been more important than when a violent serial rapist is given early release into our county. Feldmeier failed to comply with the rules required of sex offenders that are designed to keep our community safe from exactly these types of offenders. Feldmeier has, once again, proven himself to be an unreasonable risk to public safety, and we will be seeking a sentence that makes certain that he cannot threaten ours, or any other community ever again."

On November 21, 2023, the matter will go before the Honorable Kenneth C. Twisselman II for sentencing. Feldmeier is facing up to 25 years to life in prison.

Ronald Feldmeier:

