

## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## RENE LOPEZ FOUND GUILTY OF 186 COUNTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Deputy District Attorney Nicole Galstan and Senior Investigator Stacy Cordero are pleased to announce that today, September 22, 2016, Rene Lopez was found guilty of one hundred eightysix (186) counts of sexual assault.

Mr. Lopez was convicted of twenty-two (22) counts of Rape of a Minor, one hundred sixty-three (163) counts of Forcible Rape, and one (1) count of Forcible Oral Copulation. The crimes were perpetrated on a single victim over a period of five (5) years from 2009 to 2013.

Today, a Fresno County jury convicted Rene Lopez of all one hundred eighty-six (186) counts. He faces a potential sentence of one thousand, five hundred, fifty-six (1,556) years in prison when he is sentenced by the Honorable Judge Sarkisian on October 21, 2016.

DDA Galstan would like to thank Fresno Police Department Detectives Thaoseng Xiong and Diana Trueba for their work on this case in obtaining justice for this victim while ensuring that this sexual offender will never be able to victimize again.

The Media may email <u>FCDAMedia@co.fresno.ca.us</u> or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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