



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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INSPIRATION FOR CALIFORNIA “THREE STRIKES LAW” DOUGLAS WALKER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES

Douglas David Walker (53, of Fresno), one of the inspirations for California’s Three Strikes Law after his participation in the murder of Kimber Reynolds, was sentenced to a term of nineteen (19) years plus twenty-five (25) years to life in prison, the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office has announced.

In December 2017, Fresno County Superior Court Judge Kent Hamlin found Douglas Walker guilty of:

1. Felony Corporal Injury to a Spouse or Cohabitant [P.C. § 275.5(a)];
2. Three (3) Felony counts of Dissuading a Witness from Prosecuting a Crime [P.C. § 136.1(b)(2)];
and
3. Misdemeanor Contempt of Court [P.C. § 166(c)(1)].

Mr. Walker also has three (3) prior “strike” convictions (Robbery, Attempted Robbery, and Attempted Robbery), as well as four (4) prior commitments to State Prison.

Today, Judge Hamlin sentenced Mr. Walker to a determinate term of nineteen (19) years, to be followed by an indeterminate term of twenty-five (25) years to life in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Mr. Walker will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

This case was investigated by the Fresno Police Department, and was prosecuted by DDAs Kelly Smith and Tim Galstan, with the assistance of Investigators Michael Kirby, Douglas Bolton, Brandon Cooper, and Kevin Wiens.

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