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Marysville defendant receives 17 years in prison for robbing senior resident in their retirement community

ROSEVILLE, Calif. -- On Oct. 19, 2023, the Honorable Gini sentenced 36-year-old Joshua King, to 17 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as it relates to a local Lincoln area robbery of a senior resident in their home last year.

In October 2022, the Lincoln Police Department reported that an 89-year-old woman was robbed after King gained entry to the victim's home when he claimed he needed to "retrieve a ball" in her backyard. Once he entered, he pulled out a knife, threatened her, and demanded money from her. The man cut the woman's phone line, took her cell phone and left with the woman's cash, checks, credit cards and driver's license. The defendant then went to Thunder Valley Casino where he made an ATM withdrawal under the victim's name. King was arrested at his home in Marysville after an extensive investigation by the Lincoln Police Department.

King was convicted of first-degree residential robbery and theft from an elder adult. The conviction includes special allegations of committing a violent crime on a victim over the age of 65, using a deadly and dangerous weapon in the commission of the crime, and being previously convicted of a prior serious or violent felony.

"I love Placer County because it is an amazing place where our citizens can live peacefully, retire with dignity, and rely on an entire community fighting fervently to protect our senior citizens," said prosecuting Senior Deputy District Attorney Shannon Quigley. "Tragically, the defendant targeted a retirement community, knocking on several doors before he exploited a vulnerable elderly woman living alone. She was terrorized in her own home - an impact that reverberates throughout the entire retirement community, taking away the residents' sense of security. Our seniors deserve to feel safe and protected, not targeted or exploited. Today's sentencing is a reflection of our office's dedication to protecting the senior citizens who choose to call Placer County home."

This case was prosecuted by the Placer County District Attorney's Family Protection Unit. While Senior DDA Shannon Quigley is the unit's dedicated elder abuse prosecutor, she also leads the county's premier multi-disciplinary elder task force team Placer PROTECT.

To ensure the safety and protection of the county's senior citizens, the Placer County District Attorney's office established Placer PROTECT, a collaborative approach to elder abuse investigations, victim support and community awareness. To learn more or schedule the Placer PROTECT team to speak at a local meeting, residents can visit www.placer.ca.gov/PROTECT.

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