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[NEWS RELEASE]

Stockton man sentenced to 12 years for attacking an elder victim while on probation.

ROSEVILLE, Calif. -- On Nov. 21, 2023, the Honorable Judge Gini sentenced Luis Jesus Arroyo, age 29, to 12 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. This is the third sentencing related to this case, as Arroyo's codefendants, Anthony Pintarelli and a juvenile, were previously sentenced.

On December 3, 2020, while on supervision for attacking another elderly victim, Arroyo violently assaulted an elderly victim and took the victim's personal items when he attempted to call 9-1-1. Even after being brutally attacked and injured, the victim was able to provide dispatch with his attacker's license plate number. Using this information, the Lincoln Police Department was able to quickly arrest Arroyo and his co-defendants for the assault.

Due to the bravery of the victim, his ability to provide critical details about the assault, and the thorough investigation conducted by the Lincoln Police Department, the defendant entered a plea to robbery and admitted additional allegations that the offense was committed on a vulnerable victim over the age of 65. He also admitted that he has a prior strike conviction that also involved an elderly victim.

"While all violent crimes are abhorrent, crimes against our senior citizens are particularly heinous," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Shannon Quigley. "This defendant chose to brutally attack and rob a vulnerable elderly man. It is because of the victim's bravery and composure in the wake of a violent attack that we were able to successfully prosecute this case and hold the defendant accountable for his actions. In Placer County, we will not tolerate any abuse committed against our elderly citizens."

Placer County District Attorney's Office has a dedicated task force comprised of county partners called Placer PROTECT. This multi-disciplinary task force team seeks to empower seniors in and out of the courtroom with dedicated elder abuse investigations, victim support, and community awareness. Learn more at placer.ca.gov/PROTECT.

