




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**Simi Valley Sextortionist Sentenced to Prison**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Alex Scott Roberts (DOB 07/13/95), of Simi Valley, was sentenced to 6 years 4 months in state prison for committing several sextortions and a sexual assault. In October 2017, Roberts pled guilty to 6 felonies, including sexual battery by restraint and 5 counts of attempted extortion. This matter was investigated by the Simi Valley Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office.

Between March and May 2017, Roberts unsuccessfully attempted to extort nude photos from at least 14 known victims. Roberts contacted the victims through an app that disguised his identity on the victims’ device. Roberts falsely told the victims that he had nude photos of them and threatened to publish the photos if they did not cooperate with his demands. Roberts committed most of these crimes while on felony probation for a previous conviction of attempted extortion and disseminating intimate photographs.

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