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Former Newbury Park Resident Ruled a Sexually Violent Predator After Trial

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Earl Laverne Hoffman (DOB 5/27/44), of Newbury Park, was committed to an indeterminate term as a sexually violent predator (SVP) by Ventura County Superior Court Judge Anthony Sabo. Hoffman, whose criminal career began in the 1960s, was previously convicted of six prior sexual offenses, including child molestation, child annoyance, and indecent exposure. In 1997, Hoffman was sentenced to prison on drug charges. Prior to his release from prison he was identified as meeting the legal criteria for a SVP.

Under the SVP Act, a person who has a qualifying conviction, such as child molestation or rape, and who has a diagnosed mental disorder, such as pedophilic disorder, can be held in the state hospital if they are likely to engage in sexually violent predatory criminal behavior. Based on his extensive criminal history, risk assessment scores, health, lack of time offense-free in the community, and longstanding refusal to engage in treatment, Judge Sabo ruled Hoffman continues to meet the SVP criteria. At the conclusion of the trial conducted by the SVP Unit of the District Attorney's Office, Hoffman was ordered to be transported back to Coalinga State Hospital where he will remain indefinitely, until it is determined he can no longer engage in sexually violent predatory criminal behavior.

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