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**MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE  
FOR FORCIBLE RAPE**

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Today, Shasta County Superior Court Judge William Gallagher sentenced Jacob Scott Lake, 21, to Life Without the Possibility of Parole for forcible rape that resulted in the victim becoming pregnant. Lake was also sentenced to 178 years and 8 months to life for eleven other forcible sex assault crimes involving two additional victims.

A Shasta County jury found Lake guilty of 16 sexual assault crimes including: Forcible Rape, Forcible Oral Copulation and Forcible Sexual Penetration on August 6, 2014.

Evidence presented at trial showed that Lake sexually assaulted three separate victims. On November 12, 2012, Lake forced a 15 year old female to participate in forcible oral copulation, sexual penetration and forcible rape. Lake took the female to an isolated area away from the group of people she had been with and sexually assaulted the victim despite numerous requests by her to stop.

During August and September, 2013, the defendant sexually assaulted a different 15 year old female on three separate occasions. On the first occasion, Lake sexually battered one victim after rubbing a knife over the victim's body and holding his hand to her throat. Lake, on two separate occasions, forcibly raped the 15 year old victim. In one incident, Lake took the victim to an isolated area and pulled her into the bushes and had sexual intercourse with her despite her pleas to stop. The jury found that during the commission of the first rape of the 15 year old victim the defendant inflicted great bodily injury by causing the victim to become pregnant.

During September, 2013, Lake sexually assaulted an 18 year old female. The defendant sexually battered the 18 year old victim after he put his hand around her throat and told her he could crush her windpipe. On a separate occasion he forcibly raped the 18 year old victim despite her crying and trying to push him away.

Lake admitted to Investigator Brian Cole of the Redding Police Department that he had sexual intercourse with one of the victims while she was crying and struggling against him.

During the interview with Investigator Cole, Lake apologized for raping the 15 year old who was pregnant as a result of his conduct. In a recorded phone call between Lake and one of the victims, Lake acknowledged that the victim told him to stop verbally but that he subconsciously knew what the victim wanted.

The jury also found the additional enhancement that the defendant committed forcible sexual acts against multiple victims to be true.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sarah Van Slyke and investigated by Investigators Brian Cole and Greg Wilkes of the Redding Police Department.