

California v Billy Ray Johnson

Eastside Bakersfield serial rapist gets life plus 423 years

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I'm very relieved that Billy Ray Johnson, who is a sadistic monster, will spend every day of the rest of his life in state prison, where he belongs for committing these heinous crimes against very innocent victims.”

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer
Kern County, CA

“This is one of those cases where the public had a right to be fearful,” local Sheriff Youngblood said.

The crimes occurred in the women's own homes and followed a disturbing pattern. After breaking in, the masked assailant used zip ties to bind the woman—and her child. Then he forced himself on the mother.

But the mask hid the identity of the perpetrator who terrorized the area. “It was the DNA that enabled us to know who raped these women,” said Zimmer.

Crime In the summer of 2013, three women were sexually assaulted by a masked assailant in the East Side of Bakersfield, CA.

Evidence Biological evidence was collected from three crime scenes. These items included a phone, clothing, a bathtub handle, and zip tie believed to have been used to bind a victim.

DNA The Kern Regional Crime Laboratory (KRCL) developed DNA data from 37 evidence items.

Match Due to the complexity of these low-level 3 and 4 person mixtures, human review of the data was largely inconclusive.

TrueAllele The computer yielded match statistics from 33 mixture items. 8 of these items linked Johnson to the 3 crimes. Cybergenetics and the KRCL independently obtained concordant TrueAllele match statistics.

Cybergenetics Dr. Mark Perlin testified about the computer's DNA match statistics, giving evidence at a grand jury hearing in December 2013, and again at Johnson's trial in March 2015.

Outcome Mr. Johnson was found guilty on 24 charges and was sentenced to life without parole, plus 423 years to life.

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