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Re: People v. Donald Sandoval

Today, in Department 2 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Judge James Moelk, the jury found the defendant, Donald Sandoval, currently poses a substantial danger of physical harm to others as a result of a mental disease, defect, or disorder, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1026.5. In 1986, the defendant was found not guilty by reason of insanity for Arson of an Inhabited Structure, a violation of Penal Code section 451(b), and he was committed to Napa State Hospital. Defendant has been in and out of Napa State and Patton State Hospitals since then, with periods of supervised outpatient release on CONREP. Defendant's outpatient release was last revoked on February 3, 2017, when his therapist discovered unauthorized internet browsing and search activity for "young nude girls" on his cell phone. The defendant was sent back to Patton State Hospital which is a locked, secure facility. As a result of the jury's verdict, the court extended the defendant's commitment at Patton State Hospital for an additional two years.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Judy Ycasas.