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NAPIPA EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT IN JUDGE PERSKY'S LENIENT SENTENCE OF BROCK TURNER IN STANFORD SEX ASSAULT CASE

SAN JOSE, CA – On June 2, 2016 Brock Turner, a star athlete for Stanford, was sentenced by Judge Aaron Persky, a Stanford alumnus, to only six months in the county jail (of which he will likely serve three months) and three years of probation for sexually assaulting an unconscious intoxicated woman outside a fraternity party on the Stanford campus.

The National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association (“NAPIPA”) is disappointed in Judge Persky’s lenient sentence and proud of Santa Clara Deputy District Attorney and NAPIPA member Alaleh Kianerci for her excellent work in prosecuting Mr. Turner. NAPIPA is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to advancing the interests of prosecutors of API heritage and promoting a greater understanding of the criminal justice system in the API community. NAPIPA has members across the country, consisting of federal, state and local prosecutors, elected officials, and law students.

Based on the three felony sexual assault convictions, Mr. Turner faced a minimum of two years and a maximum of fourteen years in state prison for his crimes. However, Judge Persky found “good cause” to sentence Mr. Turner to probation.

“It is clear from the sentence that Judge Persky focused more on the defendant’s station in life than his criminal conduct which, to quote the victim, ‘dragged [her] through this hell,’” said Paul T. Jhin, NAPIPA President. “Sexual assault, on a college campus or not, is one of the most heinous crimes; it is incumbent upon judges to treat them as such.”