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David Castaneda Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree

Rochester, NY- On Friday, June 7, 2019, 21-year-old David Castaneda pled guilty to Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree and Failure to register as a Sex Offender.

On October 10, 2018, after falsely posing as a College of Brockport student on social media, David Castaneda lured his victim on an outing before sexually assaulting the victim. Castaneda was a registered Level 2 sex offender and failed to register his various social media accounts with the registry.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau, part of the Special Victims Trial Division.

"I want to thank the New York State Police Campus Sexual Assault Victim Unit, the College at Brockport Police, and the Brockport Village Police for working together to conduct the best possible investigation that ultimately led to today's admission of guilt," said Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley. "The victim showed enormous strength by coming forward to identify her attacker. By coming forward to report this crime, the victim potentially saved others from going through the same abuse by David Castaneda."

"The acts of David Castaneda were calculated and deliberate when he falsely posed as a SUNY Brockport student," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Today's plea not only brings justice to the victim, but it also prevents her from reliving this trauma by having to testify at trial. David Castaneda violated his victim and showed that he did not respect the requirements of his registration, and he will now be serving time in New York State Prison."

David Castaneda will be sentenced on July 18, 2019, in front of County Court Judge Dinolfo. He will be sentenced to seven years in the New York State Department of Corrections, fifteen years of Post Release Supervision and will continue to register as a sex offender.