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Today, we were present in L.A. County Superior Court for the sentencing of Daniel Brazelton.

Daniel Brazelton recently entered a plea of guilty to 2 felony counts: P.C.261.5(c) Unlawful Sexual Intercourse With A Minor and P.C.136.1(b)(1) Dissuading A Witness From Reporting A Crime.

The victim, Jaymee, is the half-sister of the defendant. She was only 14 years old at the time of the crimes against her. She has chosen to speak out publicly and to show her face and use her name because both Jaymee and her guardians feel that this is important in order to help her heal and to help other child victims of sex offenders.

It took a great deal of courage in order for Jaymee to finally tell her grandmother, Donna Doza, what she had been forced to suffer. Fortunately, her grandmother believed her and a report was made to law enforcement.

At the time of his arrest on a charge of rape of a minor, Brazelton was on active duty as a Private in the U.S. Army. He was taken to Liberty County Jail in Georgia, but then on February 11, 2011, he was taken to Fort Stewart in Georgia allegedly for medical reasons. Later, as he was being transported by the Army and was being returned to Liberty County Jail, he escaped from the Army transport van.

He was a fugitive from justice for approximately a week. There was a nationwide manhunt. The L.A. County Sheriff declared that Brazelton “should be considered armed and dangerous” and was believed to be traveling to California.

During this week Jaymee and her family lived in great fear that Brazelton might return to their area and might inflict harm upon them, since he was an expert marksman and had bragged on his Facebook page “getting my silencer next week hopefully”.

Jaymee and I held a news conference and asked the U.S. Army to investigate how Brazelton could have escaped from the Army’s custody. We were happy that Brazelton was finally apprehended in Florida and we received a quick response from Brigadier General U.S. Army, Jeffrey E. Phillips. He apologized to Jaymee and admitted that “In the case of Pvt. Brazelton, he was incorrectly transported by soldiers from his unit

without coordination through appropriate military police authorities.” The Army promised that in the future only military police will be involved in transports of soldiers in these situations.

Because of Jaymee’s courage and the support of her grandparents, Brazelton has finally been brought to justice. It has been a difficult and painful process for Jaymee. She had to testify at the preliminary hearing and recall how she had been victimized. She did so, because she knew that it was necessary so that the case could proceed to trial and because it was important to Jaymee to let Brazelton know that she would not be afraid to tell the truth under oath.

Because Jaymee did the right thing, Brazelton ultimately entered a plea. He is now facing a prison term of 3 years and 8 months, but what is most important to Jaymee is that Brazelton is requested to register as a sex offender for life, which she believes will help protect other children and the community from Brazelton.

Jaymee has been a role model in courage for other child victims of sex offenders and I am proud to have represented her.

We hope that others who are victimized will follow her example and understand that it is the adult who victimizes the child who should be blamed, not the child victim.

Believe the child who comes forward to report and make them feel safe. They deserve our love and support and the community's best efforts to hold the sex offender accountable for his wrongful and criminal acts.

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