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Pacific Beach “Peeping Tom” Sentenced to Jail

James Wayne Hubbard, 48, was sentenced today to 364 days in jail for peeping into the windows of unsuspecting women in a series of incidents in Pacific Beach between September and October 2018, City Attorney Mara W. Elliott announced.

On September 11, a witness observed Hubbard looking into apartment windows on Hornblend Street and called the police. On September 25, a young woman on Thomas Avenue walked into her kitchen wearing only her underwear and saw Hubbard looking in at her through her kitchen window. She screamed for her roommate, who saw defendant looking into a neighbor’s window. The police arrested Hubbard. On October 4, a woman on Olive Avenue was sitting in her living room expressing milk for her infant baby when she observed Hubbard staring at her through her window. On October 9, Hubbard returned to the Thomas Avenue home where the women, using recently installed surveillance cameras, captured video of Hubbard standing on their patio and looking in through their sliding glass doors. Hubbard was arrested shortly after, carrying a towel he stole from the residence. Hubbard returned to the Thomas Avenue address on October 12, where surveillance cameras again recorded him looking into the windows.

The San Diego City Attorney’s Office filed a misdemeanor criminal complaint against Hubbard alleging six counts of peeping and prowling and one count of petty theft. On October 24, 2018, as part of a plea deal with the City Attorney’s Office, Hubbard pled guilty to three counts of peeping and prowling with an agreed sentence of 364 days of custody to deny probation. Today, San Diego Superior Court Judge Cindy Davis sentenced him to 364 days of custody.

“Mr. Hubbard’s actions violated the privacy of women who understandably believed they were safe and secure in the confines of their own homes,” stated City Attorney Mara W. Elliott. **“Although the State of California classifies crimes like these as misdemeanors, we take them very seriously. Aggressive prosecution and severe punishment at the misdemeanor level will hopefully deter Mr. Hubbard and like-minded individuals from committing more egregious acts in the future.”**

This case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Christina Howden of the City Attorney’s Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Unit on behalf of the People of the State of California and investigated by the San Diego Police Department.

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