

# Riverside County D.A. Talks About the Dennis Decker Case

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In the wake of multiple convictions of felony sexual assault against former Desert Hot Springs cop Dennis Decker Riverside County's top prosecutor Rod Pacheco spoke exclusively to KPSP Local 2 about the trial and the performance of his deputy D.A. Victoria Cameron.

Dennis Decker who is now facing life in prison at his sentencing in June testified in his own defense at trial. Pacheco told KPSP Local 2 "When a defendant testifies it's always what they have to do is convince a jury that what they are doing is telling the truth. Our prosecutor did an incredible job showing the jury that he was lying and trying to deceive them and the jury was able to see right through that. My understanding is that the verdicts were very easy to come to..."

The jury convicted Decker on numerous counts that carry an automatic life sentence. Those counts pertained to crimes against his step daughter. It failed to convict Decker on charges relating to alleged lewd acts against a young explorer scout that he supervised in the Explorer Scouts program.

Regarding the difficulty a prosecutor faces when prosecuting a police officer Rod Pacheco told KPSP Local 2: "Rightfully so law enforcement officers are respected and believed and credible and the public values their contribution. They're laying their lives on the line... so when the flip side happens and the officer who we believe has integrity is now a defendant it makes it a little difficult for a jury to try to get to that point..."

Dennis Decker will be sentenced in June.

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