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Walmart Video Voyeur Sentenced to 150 Days in Jail *Richard Lawrence Shaw Ordered to Register as a Sex Offender*

City Attorney Mara W. Elliott announced that on Thursday, June 7, 2018, Walmart video voyeur Richard Lawrence Shaw was sentenced to 150 days in jail and was ordered by the court to register as a sex offender.

On January 30, 2018, a female customer at the Walmart store at 4840 Shawline Street in Kearny Mesa noticed a cell phone under the wall of her stall in the women's bathroom. She alerted store security who discovered Shaw, a 52-year-old man, in the adjoining bathroom stall. Responding San Diego Police Department officers searched Shaw's phone and found videos of at least eight women and one young girl using the Walmart restroom.

The San Diego City Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Shaw for these crimes. On May 8, 2018, Shaw pled guilty to nine misdemeanor charges of secretly filming a person, one for each victim. At his June 7, 2018 sentencing hearing, Judge Cindy Davis sentenced Shaw to serve 150 days in jail and to register for life as a sex offender. The court also placed him on formal, supervised probation for three years. Terms of his probation included attending 52 weeks of sex offender counseling; an order requiring him to wear a GPS monitor and to not contact children; an order to stay away from the Kearny Mesa Walmart and all identified victims; a waiver of his Fourth Amendment rights, which will allow police officers to search his person, property, and electronic devices without a warrant; fines; victim restitution in an amount to be determined; and an order not to possess a camera, pornography, or a computer without his probation officer's approval.

“This predator invaded the privacy of women and children in a space where they felt protected and safe. Even worse, he captured his victims on video for his own enjoyment and dissemination,” stated City Attorney Mara W. Elliott. **“We will not tolerate these abuses in our community. Our Office will prosecute sex crimes and similar abuses to the fullest extent of the law.”**

Shaw was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Jordan Dubois in the City Attorney's Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Unit. Each of the nine misdemeanor charges that Shaw pled guilty to carries a maximum sentence of six months. If Shaw violates the terms of his probation, he could face additional custody of more than four years in jail. Shaw recently moved to California, but has an extensive history of sex crimes in his home state of Maine.

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