

People vs. Angela Diaz  
and  
Exoneration of Michelle Hadley



# Charges Against Angela Maria Diaz



- Numerous felony charges including:
  - Two counts of kidnapping
  - Two counts of false imprisonment
  - Perjury
  - Two counts of forgery
  - Two counts of possession of forged instrument
  - Grand theft
  - 22 misdemeanor counts of filing a false police report

# Charges Against Michelle Suzanne Hadley



## DISMISSED

- ~~Complaint #16NF2004~~
- ~~Multiple felony counts~~
- ~~Carried a maximum sentence of life in prison~~

# The Players



John Doe



Michelle Hadley  
30 Years Old  
Ex-Fiancée



Angela Diaz  
(Connell)  
31 Years Old  
Wife (Separated)



# Doe and Hadley



- August 2013 – John Doe and Michelle Hadley meet online and begin dating
- May 2015 – Hadley and Doe purchase a condo in Anaheim (Hadley provides the down payment)
- August 29, 2015 – Hadley and Doe break up and Hadley moves out of the condo



# Doe and Hadley



- September 2015 – Email/text communication back and forth between Hadley and John Doe concerning the condo.
  - Mutual accusations
  - Emails contain specific terminology and religious language
- End communication with each other in Fall 2015



# Doe and Defendant



- January 2016 – John Doe meets Angela Diaz on dating website and they begin dating.
- End of February 2016 – Doe and Diaz marry and Diaz moves into Doe's condo.
- Mid-May 2016 – Diaz tells Doe she is pregnant with twins.



- June 1, 2016 – John Doe and Diaz arrive at Anaheim Police Department (APD):
  - Diaz says she's been receiving messages from Michelle Hadley making accusations towards Doe
  - Language in emails purportedly addressed to Diaz contained language that mirrored emails between Hadley and Doe in September 2015
  - Claims she received threatening emails from Hadley from May 25, 2016 – June 1, 2016
  - Diaz provides copies of emails to APD
- June 1, 2016 – Diaz applied and received a Temporary Restraining Order, submitting a statement to the Court under the Penalty of Perjury, relating to the ongoing threats she alleged she had been receiving from Hadley





# More Complaints



- June 2016– Angela Diaz makes multiple reports to APD regarding threatening emails from Hadley
  - Multiple different email accounts
  - Emails contain threatening language towards Diaz and graphic images
  - Diaz provides copies of emails to APD
- Diaz also reports being forwarded “rape fantasy” solicitations
  - Accuses Hadley of impersonating Diaz, posting Craigslist ads soliciting men to engage in violent “rape fantasy” sexual encounters
  - Diaz provides copies of solicitations to APD



# More Complaints

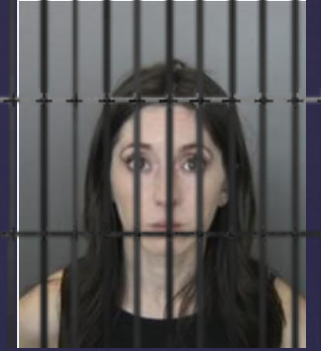
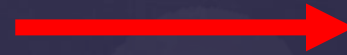


- June 13, 2016 – John Doe and Diaz report first man shows up at their door responding to Craigslist “rape fantasy” solicitation
- June – July 2016 – Diaz claims to continue to receive solicitations from men who either intend to come to her residence or actually show up for an encounter
- APD contacted/intercepted some of these men:
  - Admitted to responding to Craigslist ad for “rape fantasy” sexual encounter with Diaz
  - Believed they were being invited to engage in a consensual encounter with Diaz

# Creation of Fake Crime Scene

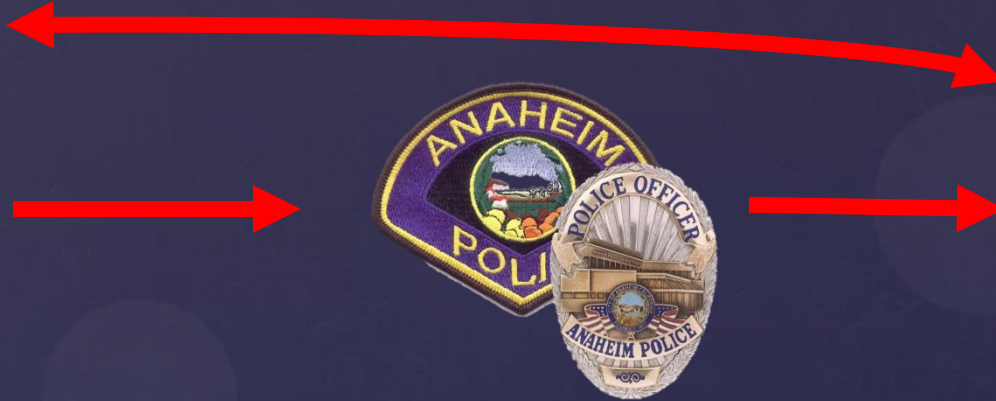


# Escalation – June 24, 2016



- Angela Diaz calls 911 and reports that someone tried to rape her in her garage
- APD arrive – Diaz is crying, shirt is ripped, visible redness to left side of neck, area above left breast
- Diaz claims that the attacker tried to rape her
- Michelle Hadley is arrested by APD later that evening

# Escalation – June 25, 2016



- Michelle Hadley bails out of jail at 10:15am on June 25, 2016
- Diaz is informed by police that Hadley was arrested but that she has been released.
  - Diaz says that she had not received any emails during the night when Hadley was in custody
- 11:28am – Diaz contacts police and says she just received another threatening email.
- Same day – another Craigslist “rape fantasy” ad was contacted. Police called the man associated with the ad and the man provided the emails.



# June 25 to July 13, 2016



- Diaz continues to receive threatening emails and solicitations
  - Claims that Hadley requests that Diaz contacts her in some of the emails
  - Emails contain Hadley's parent's phone number and an email address that Hadley had verified was her email to police
- Diaz previously provided APD with two emails that appeared to have been sent from Hadley's verified email address

# Escalation – July 13, 2016



- Angela Diaz contacted police and reported a man outside her condo
- APD immediately responds and finds a 17-year-old male in the courtyard. He tells police he was there in response to a Craigslist ad and has the address to Diaz's condo.
- **At this point, we believe we have a true public safety issue and if Michelle Hadley is not arrested then Diaz will eventually be raped or killed.**

# Hadley Arrested and Charged – July 14, 2016



- Court issues arrest warrant for Michelle Hadley. She is charged with:
  - Stalking with Restraining Order
  - Stalking
  - Criminal Threats
  - Six Counts of Attempted Rape
  - PC 220(b) for attack in Angela's garage
  - Violation of a Protective Order
  - Crime-Bail-Crime Enhancement
- Maximum Sentence is Life in prison and bail is set at \$1 million
- **Unknown that Hadley = real victim**



# False Evidence Against Hadley Manufactured by Diaz



- Emails, email addresses, and rape fantasy solicitations
- Language in emails purportedly addressed to Diaz contained language that mirrored emails between Hadley and John Doe in September 2015
- **Real Men – Real Solicitations**
- Diaz' reported attack on June 24, 2016, physical evidence corroborated her claims

# False Evidence Against Hadley Manufactured by Diaz



- Lack of email traffic while Hadley was in custody on June 24, 2016 and then resuming after her release from custody on June 25, 2016
- Some emails contained personal information confirmed to be Hadley's
- References to settlement discussions about the condo between both John Doe's attorneys and Hadley's attorneys, not believed to be known by Diaz



# OCD A/APD



- July/August 2016 - Search warrants begin going out for IP addresses linked to each email address as well as Craigslist solicitations.
- Usual procedure – search warrant for IP address linked to each email address to find out where email was sent from.
  - **Unable to do that in this case** – search warrants issued for IP addresses all came back to third party proxy servers, VPN's or no records for IP address.

# Frame Job

## Angela Diaz Now Stands Accused of Framing Michelle Hadley



- Origin of emails and rape fantasy solicitations revealed:
  - Condo shared by John Doe and Diaz
  - Diaz' cell phone
  - Diaz' father's home in AZ
- Diaz' previous fraud activity also revealed



# APD/OCDA



## **Police Begin working closely with Michelle Hadley and her attorney:**

- Able to verify information given by Hadley
- Oct. 7, 2016 – Hadley is released on her own recognizance while investigation continues
- Hadley and attorney continue to work with police after release





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