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## **Officer's family 'shocked' by rape charge**

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RANCHO CUCAMONGA – Two law enforcement officers, including a Westminster detective, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges they kidnapped and raped a woman at gunpoint in a brutal and brazen daylight attack in Fontana on Saturday.

Anthony Nicholas Orban, 30, a five-year officer with the Westminster police, and Jeff Thomas Jelinek, 30, a state prison guard at the Chino Institute for Men, entered their pleas before Judge Michael R. Libutti in San Bernardino County Superior Court in Rancho Cucamonga.

Both men appeared in court shackled and wearing jail jumpsuits and wristbands indicating they are being held in protective custody, said San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney Debbie Ploghaus.

Before the hearing, another judge approved a motion by the San Bernardino County District Attorney that bail for both Orban and Jelinek be increased to \$2 million from \$1 million.

Los Angeles-based criminal defense attorney James E. Blatt, representing Orban, argued against the bail increase.

In an interview after the hearing, Blatt said Orban's wife, family and colleagues were shocked by his arrest and the charges.

"It was the last thing they expected," said Blatt, who represented Jesse James Hollywood in the high profile murder case that was the basis for the movie "Alpha Dog." Hollywood is a former drug dealer who kidnapped and ordered the murder of a youth and is serving a life sentence.

"They have a deep concern about Mr. Orban and a deep concern about the welfare of the alleged victim," Blatt said.

Orban and Jelinek have been friends since high school, Blatt said.

He declined to discuss the details of the charges but acknowledged the gravity of the crime. In court, Blatt told Libutti that alcohol was a factor in the alleged attack, but he declined to elaborate in the interview.

Blatt also told Libutti that Orban would agree to be confined to his home if released on bail, and would agree to wear a GPS monitoring device.

In the interview, Blatt said Orban "served with distinction" in the United States Marine Corps

and was a member of the force that first invaded Iraq in 2003.

He said until his arrest Saturday, Orban has had a clean record and was well regarded in the Westminster Police Department.

"There haven't been any major problems," Blatt said.

Blatt also confirmed that the victim had no prior relationship with Orban or Jelinek.

Libutti set a hearing on April 13 to take up the issue of bail and other matters in the criminal case as it enter its "pre-preliminary" phase.

Jelinek is being represented by a public defender, Renae Carpenter.

Orban and Jelinek face possible life sentences in prison if convicted of the crimes alleged in an 11-count criminal complaint.

Both men are accused of kidnapping and rape after they confronted, while off duty, a 25-year-old woman leaving her job at a Dave and Busters restaurant at the Ontario Mills Mall on Saturday.

As Jelinek watched, Orban forced the woman at gunpoint to drive to an industrial area in Fontana where he then attacked her, according to the criminal complaint and police statements.

Police say Orban left his service revolver in the woman's car.

In addition to kidnapping and rape, Orban is charged with forced oral copulation, sexual penetration by a foreign object, sodomy by use of force, and making a criminal threat.

Jelinek also was charged with being an accessory after the fact.

Ploghaus is prosecuting the officers, who have been relieved of their duties by their respective departments.

Both men are being held at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.