

JEFFREY S. ROSELL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



**OFFICE OF
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 200
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 454-2400
dao@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Website

<http://datinternet.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/>

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 28th, 2017**

Contact: William Atkinson (831) 454-2542

DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS FOR DEFRAUDING AN ELDERLY COUPLE

Santa Cruz County District Attorney Jeff Rosell announced today that Donald Scott Rainey was sentenced to serve six years in prison after being convicted of first degree burglary, elder financial abuse, and embezzlement. Honorable Judge Stephen Siegel heard the matter and ruled that Rainey should serve the maximum sentence.

Rainey took an elderly couple's gold coin collection and promised them that their coins would be certified and then sold for 'the best price possible'. Instead, the couple's coins were liquidated and Rainey and his crime partner, Christopher Roberts, kept the sales proceeds for themselves. Rainey operated out of Beaumont, Texas as *Vintage World Coin*. Elderly collectors located in Oregon, California, Colorado, Texas, and Kansas also reported that Rainey and Roberts took their gold coin collections under similar circumstances.

Assistant District Attorney William Atkinson, who prosecuted the case, stated that Rainey showed absolutely no remorse and deserved to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

In response to hearing of the sentence handed down by Judge Siegel, District Attorney Rosell reiterated that his office will not tolerate criminals like this. He said, "Our office will continue to protect the citizens in Santa Cruz County, and prosecute the offenders that commit these crimes, to the fullest extent of the law. We have zero tolerance for those who fraudulently prey on some of our most vulnerable citizens."