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Darren Sharper Sentenced in Rape Case

Former pro football player Darren Sharper was sentenced today to 20 years in state prison and ordered to register for life as a sex offender after earlier admitting to drugging and raping two women, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sharper, 41, pleaded no contest almost two years ago to two counts of rape by use of drugs and four counts of furnishing a controlled substance in case BA421442. His sentence was delayed pending completion of federal and state cases in Louisiana where he was held until his return this month to Los Angeles.

Deputy District Attorneys Alison Foster and Michele Hanisee prosecuted the case.

On Oct. 30, 2013, Sharper met two women at a West Hollywood nightclub and invited them to another party. On the way, he told them he had to stop at his Los Angeles hotel room and invited them up to his room. While there, he gave each woman a drink and they both passed out. Jane Doe #1 woke up naked hours later with Sharper sexually assaulting her. The second woman awoke and "interrupted his actions."

The two women then left the hotel.

On Jan. 14, 2014, Sharper met two separate women at the same West Hollywood nightclub and invited them to a party. Stopping at his hotel, he invited both up to his room. He offered them a drink shot and each passed out. When they woke up hours later on Jan. 15, one woman believed she'd been sexually assaulted. Both women left his hotel and sought medical treatment.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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