

Alameda County Superior Court

**All Charges Dropped for Summit Defense Client Facing 10 Years in Prison**

Summit Defense Attorney Kimberly Cazinha successfully persuaded an Alameda County Superior Court Judge to **drop all charges** against her client who was accused of 2 felony counts of rape and dissuading a witness. If convicted, the client would have faced up to 10 years in prison and life time sex offender registration.

Ms. Cazinha's client, an East Bay juvenile, was accused of raping a 16 year old girl at a party. The accuser woke up saying that the defendant was on top of her. The accuser told her parents that she had been raped. After visiting the hospital, her family filed charges with the police who arrested her client.

Through DNA evidence and conflicting statements, Ms. Cazinha was able to establish that the prosecution did not have an effective case. The Judge agreed and the case was dismissed.