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Xavier Vindiola Sentenced to 59 Years to Life in Prison for Domestic Violence Assault

Today, October 12, 2021, Xavier Vindiola, was sentenced to 59 years to life in prison for a domestic violence assault that resulted in the victim sustaining a broken jaw and other injuries. In addition to the violent assault, Vindiola also threatened to kill the victim and attempted to dissuade her from participating in the judicial process.

The sentencing comes after a Fresno County jury found Vindiola guilty of five felony counts in May, including corporal injury to the mother of his child, assault by means or force likely to produce great bodily injury, false imprisonment, criminal threats, and dissuading a witness. The jury also found true an enhancement for personally inflicting great bodily injury and found that he had suffered prior convictions.

According to evidence presented at trial, Vindiola began his assault in a home within the City of Fresno. Vindiola demanded the victim leave with him in the victim's car. While in the car, Vindiola punched and strangled the victim. Upon returning to the home, a witness observed Vindiola punching the victim in the face multiple times while she screamed for help. The victim was able to exit her vehicle and enter the witness's vehicle and lock the doors. However, Vindiola was able to pull the victim out of the witness's vehicle and he continued his violent assault. The Fresno Police Department was called to the scene and, after fleeing the location, Vindiola was captured a short distance away.

Following his arrest, Vindiola made multiple attempts to dissuade the witness from participating in the judicial process and to conceal his criminal conduct.

The investigation was conducted by the Fresno Police Department and the case was successfully prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kendall T. Reynolds.

As a reminder, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.

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