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Re: People v. Anthony Mendoza

On August 25, 2017, in Department 15 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Robert Bowers, the jury found the defendant, Anthony Mendoza, guilty of Felony Domestic Violence (Penal Code Section 273.5(a)), Felony Criminal Threats (Penal Code Section 422), Felony False Imprisonment (Penal Code Section 236), Felony Dissuading a Witness (Penal Code Section 136.1(b)(1)), and Misdemeanor Assault (Penal Code Section 240). On March 26, 2017, the defendant and the victim, who had been in a relationship for nine months, got into a verbal argument that quickly turned physical. The defendant began violently attacking the victim punching her in the face and neck area. The defendant then grabbed her by the throat and told her that he wished she would just die and said that he should just kill her so that he would not have to go to jail. The defendant then told the victim to go wash her face. While standing at the sink, the victim was punched in the back of the head. As the victim turned around and faced the defendant, he punched her in the stomach knocking her to the ground. The victim tried to get away but the defendant pulled her back by her hair and told her she was not going anywhere. The defendant then picked up a plumbers pipe and swung at her torso. The victim blocked the hit with her hands but sustained an injury to her wrist. The defendant began strangling the victim again at which point he heard a noise. He looked outside and saw an officer from the Vallejo Police Department. The defendant then threatened the victim's life if she were to call the police on him. The defendant then told the victim he loved her and the two went back to bed. The following morning the victim was able to leave with the assistance of a friend. The victim was taken to the Vallejo Police Department to report the crime. After speaking with the officers, she was transported to the hospital. The victim sustained bruising, injuries to her head, and swelling all over her body.



Despite the victim not testifying at trial, the jury was presented with sufficient evidence to support their verdict. The defendant was remanded without bail pending sentencing. He faces up to 14 years in state prison, and is scheduled to be sentenced on September 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 15.

Officer Hollis of the Vallejo Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brittany Armstrong.