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**Parents Found Guilty of Abuse That Nearly Led to Death of their Six-Week-Old Son**  
*People v. Millan and Jara: Kern County Superior Court Case BFBF185360AB*

(Bakersfield) - District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant case involving the attempted murder of a child. On October 19, 2023, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Janae Knallay, a Kern County jury found Jorge Millan guilty of Attempted Murder, Torture, Child Abuse Under Circumstances Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury or Death and Child Abuse. Elizabeth Jara was also found guilty of Assault Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury, Child Abuse Under Circumstances Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury or Death, and Child Abuse. The victim was Millan and Jara's six-week-old son.

From March 20, 2021, to May 3, 2021, Millan and Jara kept the child in a room where they lived in Wasco. The home in which they lived was in squalid condition, having dog feces and cockroaches throughout. In that timeframe, multiple injuries occurred under their care including a broken jaw on both sides, a collar bone fracture, spine fracture, 32 rib fractures, a broken femur, a broken right arm, a broken shin, as well as corner fractures on almost every long bone on his body. Medical examination revealed that the fractures were at varied healing stages, meaning that they occurred on multiple occasions. In addition, the victim had burns, bruises, a lacerated tongue, torn frenulum, and evidence of blunt force trauma. The abuse was discovered after Jara brought the baby to Urgent Care and Urgent Care called law enforcement and an ambulance after seeing the baby's condition. He was admitted to the Valley Children's Hospital where he was in critical condition and intubated in ICU for two weeks. The doctor who treated the child testified that if he had not received lifesaving medical care when he did, he would have died.

There were text messages and photographs on Jara's phone indicating she knew about the abuse and failed to intervene. There was also evidence that she helped cover up the crimes by alerting Millan that law enforcement was on their way, and further attempted to conceal the child's injuries by covering his eye injury with a band aid and transferring him through their bedroom window when coming and going from the house in an effort to prevent other members of the house from seeing his injuries.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Although I’m glad the life-long abuse is over, it breaks my heart to witness yet another tragic incident involving a child in our county. It is a miracle that the victim is still alive today and atrocious individuals who threaten the life of a child deserve to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

Sentencing is set for November 17, 2023, in the Kern County Superior Court before the honorable Judge Gregory Pulskamp. Millan faces a life prison sentence plus an additional 5 years 8 months. Jara faces up to 13 years in prison.

Jorge Millan:



Elizabeth Jara:

