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Re: Jury Trial Domestic Violence Conviction: Jason Quigley: LF012937A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a domestic violence case today. On March 5, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Deputy DDA Bradley King, a Kern County jury found defendant Jason Quigley guilty of False Imprisonment, Felony Domestic Violence and a misdemeanor charge for possession of drug paraphernalia in a case involving attacks against his girlfriend. The false imprisonment charge for which Quigley was found guilty was a lesser-included offense to kidnapping, which was also charged. The jury found the defendant not guilty of kidnapping, but guilty of the lesser included felony offense of false imprisonment.

On June 27th, Bakersfield Police Officers contacted the victim hiding in a bathroom at a business on East Truxtun Ave. The Victim told the officers that the defendant appeared to be under the influence of drugs and had believed that a black SUV was following them on the road back from Taft. Based on this belief, the defendant brandished a knife at the victim, told her to “call them off”, then proceeded to punch the victim in the face while driving at a high rate of speed. The victim attempted to jump out of the vehicle while it was moving, but the defendant grabbed her by the hair. The defendant agreed to stop at one point and the victim was able to escape to a nearby store where employees called 911. The defendant fled before he was contacted by police.

Later that night, the defendant went to the victim’s home in Taft where he was held at gunpoint by family members until officers arrived. When the defendant was arrested, he was in possession of two methamphetamine pipes and two folding knives.

The Judge found true additional allegations that Quigley had a prior serious/violent “strike” conviction as well as found true an allegation that Quigley had suffered a previous domestic violence conviction within the past seven years.

Advised of the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: “Left unaddressed, domestic violence can escalate and end with extremely dangerous or tragic results. The criminal justice system plays a pivotal role in breaking the cycle of violence to ensure that victims of domestic violence are

permitted to stop victimization and improve their own lives.”

Sentencing is scheduled before the Honorable Judge McNamara on May 4th, 2021 in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court, where Quigley faces a sentence of up to 19 years.