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**Re: Trial Conviction: Domestic Violence Attempted Murder: Martin Araujo: Kern County
Superior Court Case # BF181629A**

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a domestic violence case today. On January 27, 2022, in a case prosecuted by Deputy DDA Bradley King, a Kern County jury found defendant Martin Parra Araujo guilty of premeditated, attempted murder, and domestic violence charges for his attacks against the mother of his four children. Jurors were unable to reach a verdict on an additional allegation of child abuse.

On June 28, 2020, the Bakersfield Police Department responded to an apartment on the 300 block of South Owens Street in Bakersfield after a juvenile called 911 stating that her father had stabbed her mother. When officers entered the apartment, they found Martin Araujo lying on the floor in the living room in a large puddle of blood, alive but unresponsive. Officers searched the house and located the victim in the bathroom covered in a large amount of blood, having suffered multiple stab wounds.

Investigation from the Bakersfield Policed Department revealed that Araujo stabbed the victim multiple times in the chest, then went into the living room area and cut his own throat. One of the children in the apartment tried to stop Araujo from stabbing her mother and was cut in the arm while trying to protect her mother.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating that “Domestic violence incidents are a threat to everyone within the home, and when domestic disputes erupt in violence, abusers will be prosecuted. Premeditated attempts to take the lives of others, even when ultimately unsuccessful, justify the life sentences that the law demands for such crimes.”

Araujo faces a maximum of 13 years to life in prison and sentencing is scheduled before the Honorable Judge Lua on February 28, 2022, in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court.