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**Re: Attempted Murder/Domestic Violence Jury Trial Conviction: People v. Jason Estrada: BF181410A**

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a domestic violence and attempted murder case today. On February 16, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Deputy DA Brad King, a Kern County jury found defendant Jason Estrada guilty of attempted murder and felony domestic violence for his attacks against his girlfriend.

On June 11, 2020, officers of the Bakersfield Police Department were dispatched to a residence in East Bakersfield for a report of an assault with a box-cutter. The female victim was contacted, and she was bleeding profusely from laceration wounds in her neck, chest, and arm. The victim's clothing was soaked with her own blood. The victim was identified as the then-girlfriend to the defendant, Jason Estrada. The investigation revealed that Estrada became angry and attacked the victim with a box cutter, stabbing and slicing the victim up to ten times in her neck, back, chest, and arm. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment. While many of the lacerations turned out to be non-life-threatening, surgery was a part of the required treatment for the injuries, particularly regarding a stab wound to the neck of the victim.

Officers of the Bakersfield Police Department successfully apprehended Estrada the next day.

The jury found Estrada guilty of both charged counts; Attempted Murder and Felony Domestic Violence Causing Injury. The jury also found it true that Estrada personally used a weapon (the box cutter) during the offenses. The jury also found it true that the defendant had been convicted of a previous domestic violence crime in the past three years. The previous conviction stemmed from a January 2020 incident where the defendant punched a (different) girlfriend multiple times in the head and neck, then lied about his name to avoid apprehension, resulting in misdemeanor domestic violence and false identification convictions.

The jury found that the attempted murder was not premeditated, and further found that the multiple lacerations caused by Estrada's assault did not meet the criteria for "great bodily injury" under the law.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: “Domestic abusers who elevate their criminal conduct will be met with increasingly serious penalties. Having failed to reform his conduct after receiving misdemeanor convictions only months prior, Estrada now stands convicted of felony domestic violence and attempted murder and is looking at ten years in prison as a result.”

Sentencing is scheduled before the Honorable Judge Kenneth C. Twisselman on March 16, 2021 in Department 9 of the Kern County Superior Court.