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Ventura Woman Sentenced for Three Separate Felony Attacks

VENTURA, Calif. - On May 16, 2023, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced that Raquel Villarreal (DOB 03/21/87), was sentenced in Ventura County Superior Court to 3 years 4 months in state prison. Villarreal had previously pled guilty on April 11, 2023, to charges in three separate felony cases.

On November 29, 2021, Villarreal violated a restraining order and confronted her ex-husband at their daughter's school in Oxnard. Villarreal got into an argument with her ex-husband and struck him several times in the arm with a cane, while also hitting the truck window frame. Villarreal left the scene, and the victim called the police. Two Oxnard Police Department officers were able to contact Villarreal later that day and attempted to arrest her for domestic violence and for violating a restraining order. Villarreal resisted arrest and began to struggle with the officers. She kicked them several times in the lower body before the officers were able to secure her in handcuffs.

The next day, while in custody at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Villarreal was uncuffed for fingerprint processing. Without warning, Villarreal struck a processing deputy in the face several times before the deputy could respond and other jail staff intervened.

Fifteen months later, while in custody for the previous violent assaults, Villarreal attacked another inmate. On February 20, 2023, Villarreal was unprovoked in her assault on the female inmate. Villarreal punched, stomped, and slammed the inmates head against the floor before deputies entered the locked section and removed Villarreal.

Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crime Unit, prosecuted the cases.

"The defendant's actions over the course of these three cases can only be described as a pattern of unpredictable, aggressive, and violent behavior, both in and out of custody," DDA Moyer said. "The sentence today ensures that all crime victims receive justice under the law."

Defendant Information:

Raquel Villarreal (DOB 03/21/87) Ventura

Charges pled guilty to:

Case 2021030858

- PC 273.5 Inflict corporal injury to current/former spouse
- PC 594(b)(1) Vandalism over \$400
- PC 69(a) Resisting executive officer

Special Allegation

• PC 275.3(f)(2) - Prior DV conviction

Case 2021031292

• PC 69(a) - Resisting executive officer

Special Allegation

• PC 422.75 - hate crime

Case 2023004267

• PC 245(a)(4) - Assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury

Sentence:

3 years 4 months CDC

