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Oxnard Man Convicted of Hate Crimes Against Transgender Woman

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a jury found Juan Navarro (DOB 1/11/91), of Oxnard, guilty of hate crime charges. Navarro was convicted of criminal threats, brandishing a deadly weapon, possession of a concealed dagger, and battery against a person because of gender and sexual orientation.

In the early morning hours of August 2, 2015, the victim, who was born male but identifies as female, was walking in the city of Oxnard. Navarro, whom the victim had never met, approached and began making unwanted sexual advances. After being rebuffed by the victim, Navarro realized that she was biologically male. Navarro dragged the victim into a nearby alley where he brandished a 10-inch knife and repeatedly threatened the victim's life while using epithets directed at the victim's gender and sexual orientation. When the victim tried to escape, Navarro physically assaulted her by punching her in the face and repeatedly kicking her while she was on the ground.

The victim was able to free herself and call the police. Navarro was located by local security officers and detained until the arrival of Oxnard Police officers. The knife was found on his person.

Sentencing for Navarro is set for February 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Navarro faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years 4 months in state prison.

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