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Oxnard Man Found Guilty of Threatening and Assaulting Girlfriend with A Gun

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a jury found Ernesto Jonathan Gonzalez (DOB 07/14/1994) guilty of four felony counts involving the use of a firearm.

Gonzalez was convicted of assaulting his girlfriend with a firearm, threatening to kill her and her family with the firearm, discharging the firearm from a motor vehicle, and unlawfully possession of a firearm as a convicted felon. Special allegations were found true that the defendant personally used a firearm, that he had previously been convicted of a serious felony, and that he had previously served a term in prison.

Sometime around midnight on May 20, 2017, Gonzalez's girlfriend was driving him home when he demanded that she take him to a bar instead. When she refused, Gonzalez pulled out a .22 caliber handgun, fired it out the passenger window of the vehicle, and held it to her head demanding that she obey his orders. When she refused and drove into the alley behind his residence, Gonzalez got out of the vehicle, fired another round into the ground, and stuck the gun in her mouth threatening to kill her and her family if she did not leave the area within five seconds.

Oxnard Police Department officers located a .22 caliber shell casing on the floorboard inside the victim's vehicle, and another .22 caliber shell casing in the alley behind Gonzalez's residence. A forensic scientist in the firearms section of the Ventura County Sheriff's Forensic Sciences Laboratory determined that both .22 caliber shells had been fired from the same gun.

Gonzalez is scheduled to be sentenced on March 26, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 48.

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