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**Oxnard Man sentenced to 27 Years in Prison for Assaulting  
And Threatening Girlfriend with Firearm**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Bennett sentenced Ernesto Jonathan Gonzalez (07/14/1994), of Oxnard, to serve 27 years in prison. A jury convicted Gonzalez earlier this month 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 being in possession of a firearm as a convicted felon. The court also found true 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 was driving with his girlfriend when he retrieved a handgun, fired it out the passenger window of the vehicle and held it to her head, threatening to kill her. When they arrived in 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 .22 caliber shell casings in the vehicle and in the alley behind Gonzalez's residence that had been fired from the same gun.

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