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Oxnard Woman Convicted of Causing Great Bodily Injury to an Infant

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that a jury convicted Elide Soto (DOB 06/13/93), of Oxnard, of abusing an infant child. Specifically, the jury found Soto guilty of felony child abuse and personally inflicting great bodily injury on a young child. The jury further determined that Soto’s crime involved great violence and that the victim was particularly vulnerable.

In July 2014, a four-month-old baby was brought to St. John’s Regional Medical Center in Oxnard with unknown injuries. Due to the scope of the child’s injuries, the child was transported to Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Once there, the child was diagnosed with a skull fracture, a fractured arm, multiple leg fractures, brain bleeding, multiple rib fractures, a spinal fracture and retinal hemorrhaging. These injuries were determined to be consistent with the child having been shaken violently on more than one occasion, as well as other methods of abuse. An investigation revealed that Soto had sole custody of the child leading up to the injuries. Soto initially denied wrongdoing, but in later interviews admitted abusive actions toward the child such as squeezing the child aggressively, ripping the child out of a car seat by his arm, and shaking the child.

After a full investigation, by the Oxnard Police Department, Soto was arrested in February 2017. Soto posted bail and was released from custody pending the trial. After the jury’s verdict, Soto was remanded into custody pending sentencing. Soto is scheduled to be sentenced on July 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in courtroom 24 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Soto faces a maximum possible sentence of 12 years in prison.

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