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Man Convicted of Disabling Brakes on Former Girlfriend's Car

VENTURA, Calif. – On June 12, 2023, a Ventura County jury found Pedro Galindo (DOB 07/30/66), of Simi Valley, guilty of felony assault with a deadly weapon and misdemeanor vandalism. Galindo also admitted to the special allegations that the crime involved great violence and that he engaged in violent conduct that indicated a serious danger to society.

On October 18, 2020, Galindo cut the brake line on a vehicle belonging to his former girlfriend. The car was parked in a parking structure in downtown Ventura. Several hours later, the victim returned to her car and realized something was wrong. She noticed a yellow liquid near one of the tires, and as she drove the car, the brakes did not respond normally. The brake line had been intentionally cut.

The Ventura Police Department investigated the incident. After a thorough investigation, which included surveillance videos, witness statements, 140 invasive texts that Galindo sent to the victim, and a search warrant to obtain physical evidence, it was determined that Galindo severed the brake line.

The case was prosecuted under 245(a)(1) of the California Penal Code, assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm. With the brake lines severed, the car was both capable and likely to cause death or great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Horlick, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, handled the case.

"We thank the members of the jury for their thoughtful consideration and deliberation in this case," Horlick said. "The defendant will now be held accountable for placing the victim and the public in serious danger. It is our hope that this verdict gives the victim and her family peace and closure as they move forward."

Galindo is scheduled to be sentenced on July 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 25 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He is being held without bail.

Case 2021016519

Defendant Information:

Pedro Galindo (DOB 07/30/66)

Simi Valley

Found guilty of:

- PC 245(a)(1) – Assault with a deadly weapon (car)
- PC 594(a)(2) – Vandalism damage

Special allegations admitted:

- CRC 4.421(a)(1) – Crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – Defendant engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society

