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Jury convicts man of 3 counts of family violence, judge sentences him to prison
State vs. Diego Ramos-Garcia

August 22, 2022 – District Attorney Shannon Wallace announces that on August 9, 2022, Senior Judge Walter Matthews sentenced Diego Ramos-Garcia, 23, to 10 years with the first 3 years to be served in custody.

Ramos-Garcia was convicted by a Cherokee County jury on July 1, 2022, of false imprisonment, aggravated stalking, and family violence battery.

Charges stem from an incident involving Ramos-Garcia and his girlfriend, with whom he shared a home in Canton. In February 2022, Canton Police responded to a 911 hang-up call in which a woman told the dispatcher that she was being followed. The call disconnected after the woman said the person was hitting her.

Law enforcement officers first responded to a Canton address that the caller had given to the dispatcher. When police determined that the woman was not at that location, they traced the cell phone to a Canton parking lot where a witness told the officers that he saw a couple involved in an altercation. The witness said after he asked Ramos-Garcia to stop hitting the woman, Ramos-Garcia began dragging her by her hair towards a vehicle.

During the investigation, Canton Police determined that Ramos-Garcia had active bond conditions due to domestic violence charges from 2021. Those bond conditions prohibited him from having any contact with the victim.

“This case is a classic example of escalating family violence. The defendant had been released on bond after a previous incident with the same woman. Even though he was forbidden from being in contact with the victim, he not only disobeyed the order, but also did so in a violent and public way,” said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe of the Domestic Violence Unit, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the State, along with Assistant District Attorney Elliot Stone. “Fortunately, law enforcement responded before the victim was more seriously injured and, although she testified that nothing happened, the jury was able to hear from an independent witness who shared the events of that night.”

After sentencing the defendant, Judge Matthews ordered special conditions during probation to include no contact of any kind with the victim or her family and banishment from the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. Ramos-Garcia must also avoid alcohol and drug use and may not possess firearms.

“The jury did a thorough job sifting through evidence and understanding that victims of domestic violence sometimes minimize or even deny that domestic violence has actually occurred,” said District Attorney Shannon

Wallace. “In cases like this, law enforcement, courts, and even community members must step in before violence escalates further. This sentence effectively stops the cycle of violence while providing just punishment for the defendant.”

This case was investigated by the Canton Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Elliot Stone, of the Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

If you or someone you know is impacted by domestic violence, please contact the Cherokee Family Violence Center, CFVC.org, 770-479-1703 (24/7 crisis hotline). In case of an emergency, call 911.

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