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## **ROYAL OAKS MAN CONVICTED OF FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jesus Gonzalez Zamora, age 48, of Royal Oaks was convicted by jury of felony domestic violence with injury. A prior conviction under the California Three Strikes law and an enhancement for serving a prior prison term were also found true.

On January 19, 2017, at about noon, Zamora returned to the trailer he shared with this girlfriend of 3 years, the victim. She confronted Zamora about being drunk so early in the day, sparking an argument. During the argument, Zamora knocked the victim down with a punch to the face. While she was on the ground, Zamora kicked her in the back of the head. The victim suffered an abrasion to her left brow, a scratch to right her ear and reported dizziness.

Despite reporting these details to 911, a sheriff's deputy, and medical professionals, the victim later testified at the preliminary hearing and then the jury trial that none of that happened. Instead, she testified she fell backwards after she grabbed Zamora. She denied Zamora ever hit her at any point that day. The prosecution proved their case by introducing the victim's 911 call, the deputy sheriff who testified to his observations and statements of the victim, and the treating physician's observations of her injuries.

Deputy Reed Fisher of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. District Attorney Investigator Oliver Minnig prepared the case for trial.

Sentencing is set before Judge Robert Burlison. The defendant faces a sentence of 9 years in state prison due to a prior strike conviction for assault with a deadly weapon.