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MOSS LANDING MAN FOUND GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING, CRIMINAL THREATS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that on August 31, 2017 a Monterey County Jury found Ervey Luna, age 20, guilty of Kidnapping, Criminal Threats, Corporal Injury to a Spouse or Cohabitant and Assault with Force likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie Culver.

On October 27, 2016 Luna and the mother of his child were at their home in Moss Landing when an argument began over Luna talking to other women on Facebook. Luna and the victim then went to Target in Watsonville to pick up formula for their three month old daughter. The argument continued all the way to Target and upon leaving Target. On their way home from Target, instead of going home Luna exited Highway 1 at Salinas Road. As he drove through the rural area, he threatened to kill the victim multiple times and ignored her continuous requests to go home. Luna told her he “was tired of her” and he was “going to get rid of her”. During the hour and a half kidnapping Luna pulled the victim out of the car multiple times to kick and punch her. The victim sustained a black eye and bruising on her hands from blocking punches. Luna also strangled the victim making it difficult for her to breath. Luna pulled the car over for a final time in the raspberry fields and went behind the car to pull the victim out again. The victim was then able to lock the doors, jump in the driver’s seat and escape from Luna.

After a short deliberation the jury found the Defendant guilty. He is set to be sentenced by Judge Culver on October 17, 2017. The Defendant faces a maximum of 10 years 8 months in the California Department of Corrections.

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