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GONZALES MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR VIOLATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER BY ASSAULTING FORMER SPOUSE AT CHILD'S SCHOOL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Gonzales resident Ricardo Rodriguez, age 33, was sentenced yesterday to two years and eight months in prison for violating a domestic violence restraining order.

On August 16, 2017, Jane Doe was attacked by Rodriguez when she went to La Gloria Elementary School to pick up her children. As Doe stood near the entrance to the school office, Rodriguez walked up to her, punched her in the face, grabbed her by the arm, and attempted to drag her away. Jane Doe, screaming for help, broke free and ran into the office. The brazen assault, which occurred in front of their nine-year-old son and numerous other witnesses, left Doe with blood running from her nose, swelling, and a “busted open” lower lip.

Rodriguez was previously convicted of kidnapping, a “strike” offense, and battering Jane Doe, from an incident that occurred in 2013. A criminal protective order was issued which prohibited any contact with Doe. In December 2013, he was ordered to serve three years in prison and was released on parole on February 24, 2016. Since his release, Rodriguez has continued to terrorize Doe. He has assaulted her twice and within the last ten months alone, suffered three misdemeanor convictions for violating the restraining order.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Rodriguez to one year and four months in prison. That sentence was then doubled due to his prior strike conviction. Another criminal protective order was issued, preventing Rodriguez from contacting Doe for an additional ten years.

This case was investigated by Gonzales Police Officers Brian Solis and Jessica Mora .

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