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MOSS LANDING MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS 8 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR KIDNAPPING, CRIMINAL THREATS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 11, 2018, Ervey Luna, was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison after a jury trial in which he was found 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. Instead of going straight home, Luna exited Highway 1 at Salinas Road and drove through the rural area where he threatened to kill the victim multiple times, ignoring her 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. The victim was able to escape when Luna pulled the car over for a final time in the raspberry fields and got out of the car to pull her out of the passenger’s seat. The victim locked the doors, moved to the driver’s seat and drove away.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff’s Office.

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