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## **GONZALES MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, BATTERY CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AND VANDALISM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 17, Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Ricardo Balli, age 24, a resident of Gonzales, to a term of six years and eight months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On October 25, 2017, a jury found Balli guilty of five felony charges including battery causing serious bodily injury, assault by means likely to cause great bodily injury, domestic violence, and vandalism for three incidents involving three different female victims. Additionally, the jury found true a special allegation that he personally inflicted great bodily injury to one of the victims.

During the October trial, all three victims testified. The first victim, who was a stranger to Balli, was struck by him at the King City Fairgrounds in May of 2016 with such force, she lost consciousness. She was left with a concussion, injuries that required 13 stitches and chipped teeth. Balli attacked the second victim, who was his girlfriend at the time, in September of 2016 in the parking lot of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital when she was three months pregnant. She was left with numerous bruises to her face and chest. Balli battered the third victim, his current girlfriend, in the parking lot of the Pizza Factory in Salinas in November of 2016.

At the sentencing hearing, the victim of the assault that occurred at the King City Fairgrounds bravely made a statement and explained the trauma she suffered as a result of Balli's conduct. A restraining order was granted prohibiting him from contacting the second victim, his former girlfriend, for a period of ten years.

The case was investigated by Officer Ryan Kenedy of the King City Police Department and Officers Anthony Yates, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Jared Dominici, and Edgar Garcia of the Salinas Police Department.