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## Man Sentenced to 45 Years for Stalking

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Jeremy Walters, 37, of Pasadena, was sentenced to forty-five years in prison today for the offense of Stalking. Walters was arrested in March 2013 after repeatedly sending text messages to his girlfriend threatening to kill her, kill her family, and to burn down her house. Walters also made multiple calls to the daycare where she worked and made threats to her co-workers that he intended to kill her.

At trial, prosecutors presented evidence that in 2010, Walters destroyed the victim's house by breaking doors and windows throughout the home, and spray painting the walls and ceilings. Jurors also heard evidence that Walters had previously assaulted the same victim in Houston by striking her in the face and kicking her in the stomach. This assault was in front of the victim's children, who attempted to intervene.

In January, a jury found Walters guilty and the case was reset for punishment in front of Judge Steve Smith. After the punishment hearing had begun, Walters agreed to accept a sentence of 45 years, and waive appeal. Prosecutors were prepared to call witnesses in the punishment phase of trial to testify about Walters' threatening and assaultive behavior towards previous girlfriends and their families. Officers from the Pasadena Police Department were prepared to testify about Walters' extensive criminal history and gang affiliation with the Tango Blast prison gang.

Walters has previously been to prison for Sexual Assault of a Child and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. He also has multiple additional convictions from Harris County for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, as well as convictions for Assault, Harassment, Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Possession of Marijuana.





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The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Philip McLemore and R. Clay Kimbrough.

**“This defendant repeatedly terrorized those closest to him for more than a decade. We cannot allow fear to be a means of control within relationships.” - Philip McLemore and Clay Kimbrough**

