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Abuser Sentenced to 17.5 Years for Assault on Pregnant Girlfriend December 12, 2018

Bryan, TX – Last week, Jonathon Mendez was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison for one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Causing Serious Bodily Injury to a Family Member and two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The sentences carried affirmative findings of a deadly weapon, which will require Mendez to serve half his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

On June 11, 2018, Mendez’s eight-month pregnant girlfriend called a female friend to come pick her up from the defendant’s residence because she and the Mendez had been arguing and she wanted to leave. The female friend asked her boyfriend to accompany her to pick up Mendez’s girlfriend.

After Mendez’s girlfriend left, Mendez became enraged and followed the vehicle, repeatedly ramming the back of the car until it crashed into a tree down the street from the residence. Mendez then yanked his girlfriend out of the vehicle and carried her back to his home. The female friend and her boyfriend were pinned in the vehicle because of the severity of the crash.

Police arrived a short time later after a call of a major vehicle crash in a residential neighborhood. They later found Mendez’s pregnant girlfriend at the home of the defendant with a fractured neck and severe bruising from the crash. The female friend suffered a broken leg and severe bruising, while her boyfriend had a separated shoulder and burns from the seatbelt.

When questioned, Mendez admitted that he rammed the victims’ vehicle because he was angry that his girlfriend left the residence. Officers noted that Mendez expressed no remorse or concern about the victims, and talked about his girlfriend as if she was his to do with as he pleased.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Escue.

“It takes courage to assist domestic violence victims to leave their abusers, and even more courage to walk away from an abusive relationship. This defendant is now in prison because he responded to that courage by violently retaliating against his victim and those who would help her escape him.

- Jessica Escue, Assistant District Attorney

