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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER CONVICTED OF RAPE AND KIDNAPPING

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

On April 24, 2019, Aniceto Landa Alarcon, aged 47, was convicted of five counts and seven special allegations by a Napa County jury. Defendant was found guilty of forcible rape, kidnapping for rape, criminal threats, domestic violence corporal injury, and assault with a deadly weapon. The jury also found true special allegations, including aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping in the commission of rape, and personal use of a deadly weapon. The Honorable Judge Scott Young presided over the one and a half week jury trial in Napa Superior Court.

The convictions stem from an incident which occurred on the evening of February 12, 2018, where the defendant drove the survivor to a remote area of Napa County against her will, produced a knife, beat her, threatened her, and sexually assaulted her. He was interrupted in the act by a passerby, the reporting party in this case, who called 911. The defendant and survivor had previously been in a dating relationship with a history of violence. The survivor, as well as numerous law enforcement officers, testified during the jury trial. The case was prosecuted by Napa County Deputy District Attorney Agnes Dziadur who said:

"This case involved some of the most sick and violent behavior imaginable. This defendant wielded his coercive control over the survivor throughout their relationship, finally taking it to this horrifying extreme. No one should have to endure what this survivor went through. We are so grateful to the jury for helping the survivor, and our community, achieve justice. Our deepest thanks go out to the Napa County Sheriff's Department, the Napa County District Attorney Investigations division, and Sexual Assault Victim Services for their tireless work on this case. This verdict ensures that the defendant will never be able to harm this survivor, or any other woman, ever again."

Napa County Sheriff's Department Detective Felipe Hernandez led the investigation. Napa County District Attorney Investigator Ana Baber assisted in the prosecution.

Defendant is being held without bail. He faces a sentence of twenty-five years to life in state prison. Defendant will be back in court for a sentencing hearing on May 22, 2019 at 8:30 in Department E.

Beginning May 27, 2019 the unit within the District Attorney's Office dedicated to the prosecution of sexual assault and related crimes in Napa County will be expanded to two full-time attorneys plus

support staff. The unit will handle all sexual assault cases involving children and adult survivors in an effort to more securely wrap these survivors in support.

Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.