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AMERICAN CANYON MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOLLOWING JURY CONVICTION FOR MAYHEM IN FAMILY VIOLENCE CASE

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today the sentence of American Canyon resident Eddie Perales, age 57, who was convicted by jury in April of felony charges, including Mayhem, Battery with Serious Bodily Injury, and Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury. The jury also found that Defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury on his victim. The convictions qualify as violent felonies, or "strikes" under California sentencing law. At trial, the judge also found that Mr. Perales suffered a number of special allegations based on his long criminal history, including five prior "strike" convictions.

Today, the Honorable Judge Elia Ortiz sentenced Mr. Perales to state prison for 32 years to life, plus 24 years. The sentence took into account Defendant's most recent strike convictions, as well as his prior criminal record.

The convictions stem from his September 25, 2016, assault on a family member at his home in American Canyon. Mr. Perales got into an argument with his adult stepdaughter in front of other family members, including at least two minor relatives. The argument escalated and Mr. Perales punched his adult stepdaughter with a closed fist in the side of her head. She fell to the floor, eventually got back on her feet, and he struck her again. Mr. Perales used so much force that he split her right ear open to the extent that it required suturing. The victim also suffered hearing loss, a concussion, and additional pain to her head, neck, and shoulder. After an anonymous 911 call, American Canyon Police officers immediately responded to the home. The victim was treated on scene and then ultimately transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital.

The jury's verdicts in this case followed numerous prior violent convictions in other counties. Defendant had previously been convicted of, among other things, Felony Assault on a Peace Officer, Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and multiple counts of Felony Robbery--the most recent of which also included special allegations for using a firearm. According to Mr. Perales, who testified at trial, his most recent prison commitment was for an armed bank robbery in Santa Clara County that included multiple victims. Defendant was released from state prison in 2012 and was on parole until 2015. The investigation was handled by the American Canyon Police Department.

Deputy District Attorney Taryn Hunter, who prosecuted the case, commented that "the lengthy prison sentence takes in to account the seriousness of committing mayhem against his own family member, as well

as his long history of violence. It's my hope that this sentence will finally put an end to Mr. Perales' ongoing victimization of others."

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