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West Sacramento Man Convicted of Domestic Violence
A jury convicted Andres Jose Ochoa of dissuading a witness and spousal abuse

(Woodland, CA) – November 9, 2012 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on November 7, 2012, a Yolo County jury found 24-year-old West Sacramento man Andres Jose Ochoa guilty of dissuading a witness, domestic violence, vandalism and possession of tear gas by a felon.

During trial, the jury heard evidence that the West Sacramento Police Department was dispatched to Ochoa's apartment after his long-time girlfriend called 911. The jury heard the 911 call where the victim told Ochoa to stay away from her. She also told the dispatcher that Ochoa had slapped her and destroyed her car. When officers arrived, they detained Ochoa and interviewed the victim about what happened. While the officers interviewed her, Ochoa yelled at her from the backseat of the patrol car calling her a "snitch" and said that he'd beat her up for talking to the officers. The patrol car video camera recorded Ochoa's threats. Officers also learned that Ochoa had vandalized the victim's car by breaking all but one window, causing over \$7000 in damage.

Deputy District Attorney Sara Abrate, who is assigned to the District Attorney's Domestic Violence team, prosecuted the case and praised the jury's decision. "The jury understood the dangers involved here and this verdict ensures that the victim will be safe for a long period of time."

District Attorney Reisig commended the efforts of West Sacramento Police Department. "Domestic Violence happens behind closed doors and without the efforts of law enforcement we would not be able to hold people like the defendant responsible for this type of crime" stated Reisig.

The Honorable Janet Gaard presided over the case. Ochoa faces 15 years in state prison. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

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