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Woodland Man Found Guilty of
False Imprisonment in Domestic Violence Trial

(Woodland, CA) - September 28, 2017 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced on September 26, 2017, a Yolo County Jury found Carlos Ayala guilty of two Felony Counts of False Imprisonment with Force or Violence and two Misdemeanor counts of Battery Against a Spouse. Ayala is 23 and resides in Woodland.

The case arose from two incidents that took place on August 2, 2016, at the victim's apartment. Ayala, who stayed with the victim on and off, was arguing with the victim. Their small children, age two and four, were also present. The victim wanted to leave due to Ayala's behavior and grabbed her things to leave. Mr. Ayala blocked the door, pushed her into a wall, pinned her to the floor, hurting her arm and causing a cut to her leg. The victim was able to break free and leave. After about an hour and a half, Ayala convinced the victim he was leaving and she could return home. Upon her return, Ayala had not left and the two began arguing again. The victim attempted to leave a second time which Ayala also did not allow. He once again blocked her from getting to the door, he threw her on the couch and placed her in a head lock. He used his elbow to hit her in the back of the head. To break free, the victim was able to bite Mr. Ayala and call for help. Ayala fled the scene. Woodland Police Department responded to her 911 call. Subsequently a warrant was issued for Ayala's arrest when he could not be located. He was arrested and charged at a later date.

The Honorable Jeanine Beronio presided over the trial and is scheduled to sentence Ayala on December 5, 2017. Ayala is eligible for probation but is also facing a maximum prison sentence of three years and eight months.

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