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BUTTE COUNTY JURY FINDS CHICO MAN GUILTY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FIGHTING THE POLICE

A Chico man was found guilty today by a Butte County jury in a case resulting from domestic violence incident earlier this year that ended with the defendant fighting several Chico Police officers.

Carlos Alfredo Jamquintero, 45, was found guilty of felony assault, domestic violence, and violently resisting arrest.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the incident happened in May when Chico Police dispatchers received a series of panicked 911 calls from a concerned female friend of Jamquintero's wife, telling dispatchers the wife had been texting her saying she needed immediate assistance. Shortly thereafter, the wife managed to call 911 herself and told dispatchers she was barricaded in a room in her home with her two small children, trying to escape her husband, the defendant, who was terrorizing her.

Officers responded and were able to make entry into the home after the victim flagged them down from the window of the room she was trapped in. Two officers entered the home after announcing their presence and tried to detain Jamquintero, who immediately began to fight with them. Jamquintero pulled the officers onto a bed, while refusing to show his hands or stop fighting. The two officers were unable to gain control of the defendant despite several deployments of a Taser.

Jamquintero's violent resistance continued for several minutes, as he was able to fight off the officers' attempts to detain him and end the violent struggle. Eventually, with the help of additional responding officers, Chico Police were able to safely get Jamquintero into custody and free the victim from her frightening situation.

Officers learned during their investigation that several days prior Jamquintero had been in an argument with his wife and during that argument had strangled her almost to the point of unconsciousness, which was the basis for the felony assault charge.

After several days of trial this week, the jury quickly returned a verdict this afternoon of guilty on all counts. Ramsey noted Jamquintero had previously been convicted of several prior

“strikes” under California’s Three-Strikes law including for assault with a deadly weapon, grand theft firearm, and attempted carjacking.

Ramsey said during the trial that the wife testified Jamquintero had not abused her, contrary to her earlier statements to the police and her friend. However, evidence was presented to the jury by prosecutors that Jamquintero had called his wife from the Butte County Jail over 100 times in an attempt to influence her testimony. Ramsey said Jamquintero had made these calls through third-party phone numbers to disguise his violation of a previous restraining order not to contact the wife.

Jamquintero faces up to 10 years and 8 months in State Prison for today’s convictions when he is sentenced next month. He remains in custody in Butte County Jail until then without bail.

