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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Convicted for String of Domestic Violent Assaults

DATE: May 13, 2016

CASE: John Sanford

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Scott Schweibish, Career Criminal Prosecution Unit

Thirty-three-year-old John Sanford was convicted by jury of robbery and making terrorist threats with the use of a firearm, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, burglary, corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant, and dissuading a witness by force or threat.

Sanford and the victim have children in common, and according to the victim, Sanford had been violent with her for several years. The victim moved into her own apartment in March 2015 but allowed Sanford to visit the apartment to see the children. Sanford became increasingly jealous and hostile towards the victim and began sending her threatening messages. Over a period of months, Sanford showed up at the apartment on a number of occasions armed with a firearm. Sanford threatened the victim at gunpoint and robbed one of her friends at gunpoint, pistol-whipping him. Sanford also assaulted a group of the victim's friends and chased them out of the apartment. On one occasion, Sanford entered the unoccupied apartment and waited inside for the victim to come home and proceeded to assault her. Sanford has a prior conviction for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and was on probation for that offense at the time he committed these crimes.

Sanford faces a maximum potential sentence of 21 years in prison. Sentencing is set for June 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 37 before the Honorable Paul Seave.