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## CASE OF INTEREST

### **Defendant Sentenced for Elder Abuse, Terrorist Threats**

**DATE:** July 29, 2016

**CASE:** Gregory Ortiz

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Tate Davis, Domestic Violence Unit

The Honorable Eugene Balonon sentenced 45-year-old Gregory Ortiz to 14 years, 4 months in prison. On April 14, 2016, a jury convicted Ortiz of elder abuse, making terrorist threats, and resisting arrest. A prior strike conviction and 5 year prison prior were also found true.

On June 25, 2015, the 77-year-old victim let Gregory Ortiz into her house despite having several restraining orders issued against him. Ortiz started drinking and became violent with the victim, choking her several times. He threatened he would kill her if she called police. Ortiz also choked the victim's dog and threatened to kill the dog if she went to the police.

The following morning, Ortiz started yelling at the victim. Out of fear, she called her sister, who called 911. When the victim told Ortiz the police were called, he began choking her again until law enforcement arrived and announced they would break down the door. Ortiz then released the victim and tried to escape. After a struggle with deputies and attempts to resist arrest, Ortiz was taken into custody.

Ortiz has a criminal history dating back 24 years, including a 1992 strike conviction for battery causing serious bodily injury, a 2013 felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury conviction, and 14 misdemeanor convictions.