

Domestic Violence Offender Convicted of DV, Sexual Assault



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DATE: January 22, 2019

CASE: Hector Castro (Case #17FE007268)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Allison Dunham, High Risk Domestic Violence Unit

Hector Castro was convicted by a jury of rape, sodomy, domestic violence, false imprisonment and criminal threat with personal use of a knife.

On April 19, 2017, the victim called 911 to report she had been beaten and sexually assaulted. The assault started when Castro caught the victim deleting a text message from a male friend. Castro punched and kicked the victim multiple times before strangling her with his hands. Castro then took a knife and threatened to kill the victim if she did not submit to intercourse and sodomy. After the sexual assault, the victim tried to leave the residence, but Castro blocked the door. The victim waited a few hours and left the apartment telling Castro she was going to do laundry, which is when she was able to call 911. In addition to the sexual assault, the victim suffered a black eye, multiple bruises on her body and bruising and scratches around her neck.

Sacramento police officers met the victim in a parking lot, where she reported she had been living with Castro and financially supporting and taking care of him. The victim stated Castro had been beating and sexually assaulting her on a daily basis for the

past two years.

The victim endured Castro's abuse and never reported to the police because she both loved and feared him. The reason the victim reported this time is because she felt it was "now or never."

Castro faces a maximum sentence of 19 years and 4 months in prison. Sentencing is set for March 1, 2019, at 1:45 p.m. before the Honorable Trena Burger-Plavan.

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