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Re: People v. Praneel Nand

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Praneel Nand, age 32, of Modesto, was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury on December 4, 2015 of felony child abuse, felony domestic violence with an enhancement for having a prior similar conviction within seven years, felony assault, felony criminal threats, false imprisonment on three separate victims, felon in possession of a firearm, and felon in possession of ammunition. Deputy District Attorney Mabel Lew prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On August 9, 2015 at about 3:00 a.m., Nand came home to the Modesto residence he was sharing with the victim and her children. He was drunk and proceeded to berate and assault the victim for the next four hours. When the victim tried to take her children to a neighbor's house, Nand grabbed her by the back of her shirt and would not let her leave. The children came back inside and saw their mother on the floor with Nand using a "wrestling chokehold" to strangle her. When one of the children tried to call for help, Nand grabbed the cell phone from the 6-year old and shoved her head into a door frame. Nand eventually went to the back of the house, allowing the victim to call 911. Modesto Police responded and Nand was arrested. Police also found Nand was in possession of a firearm and ammunition, which is illegal due to Nand's prior felony conviction.

On January 22, 2016, Judge Ashley sentenced Nand to ten years, four months in state prison based upon the circumstances of the crime and his criminal history, which included a prior felony conviction for domestic violence.

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