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Re: People v. Gustavo Contreras

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gustavo Contreras, age 42, of Modesto, was convicted by jury trial on January 15, 2015 of felony Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, Spousal Abuse, Threatening to Commit a Crime and a misdemeanor charge of Child Endangerment. Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth DeJong prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 19, 2014, Contreras strangled the mother of his children until she was unconscious. Their sixteen-year-old son attempted to forcibly stop Contreras. As Contreras was strangling the victim, he stated, "Go join your father!" who was killed in a fight with Contreras in March 2014. The victim also reported that Contreras had hit her a few days earlier causing bruising and an injury to her finger.

Judge Ricardo Cordova scheduled a sentencing hearing for February 17, 2015. Contreras faces a maximum of 11 years and 8 months in state prison.

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