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**Judge Sentences Stephen Rojas to 30 Years in Prison for Assault Family Violence Cases**

A Travis County jury today convicted Stephen Rojas, 42 years old, for two counts of family violence against his 17-year old girlfriend stemming from a 2018 incident.

On the night of June 3, 2018, the victim called her family to pick her up on the side of the road and stated that her boyfriend, Rojas, had choked her to the point of losing consciousness. Several days after the assault, the victim's mother contacted law enforcement. Sergeant Aaron St. Clair with the Travis County Sheriff's Office began an investigation that revealed the possible existence of video evidence of the assault. Pursuant to a search warrant conducted in July 2018, video evidence was obtained that showed the strangulation that occurred on June 3, 2018 as well as an additional assault that occurred on June 2, 2018.

Following the guilty verdict of the jury, the defendant and the State entered into an agreement of 30 years in prison with the defendant waiving appeal. Judge Cliff Brown formally sentenced Rojas to 30 years in prison on each case to run concurrently.

Travis County Assistant District Attorneys Bret Benedict and Dimple Malhotra are extremely appreciative to the jurors for their thorough analysis of the evidence in reaching their verdict.

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