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## **WOMAN BEATER GETS 55 YEARS**

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On Monday, November 6, 2017, a Victoria jury sentenced Roy Nanez Jr. to 55 years for the Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon of Abby Liserio. They also sentenced him to the maximum sentence of 10 years for tying up a seven year old child with a belt in order to restrict her movements.

The evidence showed that on March 1, 2017, the Defendant beat Abby Liserio with a broomstick, his hands and his feet. During this incident, he threatened to kill Abby Liserio and her children. Abby Liserio's seven year old daughter testified that after the Defendant tied her up with a belt, the Defendant laid blankets out on the floor and said he would kill Abby Liserio first, her son second and would kill the seven year old last. When the Defendant saw law enforcement's lights outside the window, the Defendant told Abby Liserio he was sorry and told her to not answer the door for law enforcement. He then fled. Jurors saw photos of the bloodied trailer where the assault occurred and saw photos of the injuries to Abby Liseiro and her children.

Medical personnel from Citizen's Medical Center testified that Abby Liserio suffered a fracture to her orbital socket, a broken finger, swelling to her forehead and bleeding into her sinus cavity as a result of the beating.

The jury later heard an interview of the Defendant pertaining to the events of March 1, 2017. In that interview, the Defendant claims another adult male was at the house and started the altercation. The evidence at trial showed, however, that the only adult male in the residence was the Defendant. In the same interview, the Defendant said he would fight Investigator Tony Daniel of the Victoria County Sherriff's Office if Tony Daniel ever disrespected him.

During punishment, Abby Liserio testified that she moved in with the Defendant in August of 2016 and that the Defendant assaulted her in December 2016, assaulted her on New Years of 2017, gave her two black eyes on February 24, 2017 (only one day after the Defendant was bonded out of jail from other charges), and bit her forehead on July 11, 2017, which left a scar. Also during punishment, Eugene Johnson testified about the Defendant breaking into his home and threatening to kill him with bolt cutters on June 29, 2016. Eugene also testified that the Defendant contacted him after the burglary occurred and threatened to kill Eugene if Eugene would not drop the charges.

The jury also heard from Noemi Salinas and Quintin Moses about an assault that happened to Noemi Salinas back on May 27, 2014. The defendant fractured Noemi Salinas' orbital socket during that assault and cracked her tooth. Noemi Salinas testified that when law enforcement arrived to the location, the Defendant threatened her to tell law enforcement everything was fine. Noemi Salinas' case went to a Victoria jury in 2015. However, that jury did not find that the fractured orbital socket was serious bodily injury and only found the Defendant guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor. The current jury, in contrast, was in tears hearing Noemi Salinas recount the horror she endured at the hands of the Defendant and the terror that she still endures even to this day. Quintin Moses recalled that the Defendant told him on scene that Noemi Salinas'

ex-husband was the one that beat Noemi Salinas up and that the injuries to the Defendant's hands were the result of Defendant trying to protect Noemi.

The jury heard about 11 previous misdemeanor convictions the Defendant had, four previous felony convictions the Defendant had and five new felony offenses that the Defendant had committed from June 2016 to the present. The jury also heard from multiple jailers who described instances of the Defendant exposing his penis, starting fights in the jail, and banging on cell walls during his time in jail custody.

The Defendant testified during punishment. He claimed that he threatened to murder Officer Gary Melson back in 2007, because Officer Gary Melson looked at him the wrong way. He claimed that he beat Noemi Salinas in 2014 because the 5'3", 80 pound Noemi Salinas started hitting him first and he was defending himself. He claimed that the beating of Abby Liserio on March 1, 2017 occurred because Abby Liserio provoked him and hit him first. The Defendant continually blamed others for his behavior and said he did not believe in rehabilitation.

Out of the 55 year sentence the Defendant received, he'll have to remain confined for at least 27.5 years before he is eligible for parole. ACDA Jacquelyn Johnson and Tom Dillard prosecuted. Sara Bill and Steve Allen of the District Attorney's Office played a huge role in the preparation and presentation of the case. The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Victoria County Sherriff's Office, the Victoria Police Department, and the United States Marshals for all their hard work. Thanks also goes to the jury who worked hard during their deliberations of this case. Our community is safer because of their efforts.

