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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**TULARE MAN CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Yesterday in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian presiding, a Tulare County jury convicted Wilian Haynes, age 70, of Tulare, of domestic violence.

Haynes was convicted of one felony count of injury a spouse, cohabitant, boyfriend, girlfriend, or child's parent after a prior conviction. Haynes had previously been convicted of domestic violence in April of 2015.

On June 7, 2015, the victim and Haynes began arguing because he did not want the victim's friend at their house. The argument continued into the bedroom where Haynes hit the victim over the head with an empty bottle of Jose Cuervo. Haynes then punched the victim an unknown number of times, then picked up a small bedside dresser and hit her over the head with it. The victim's daughter witnessed Haynes holding the dresser above her mother. The daughter called 911 and reported that there was "blood everywhere" and the victim needed help. Haynes fled the residence. When officers arrived the victim was bleeding from the head and needed medical treatment. Haynes was arrested in Corcoran a short time later stating that he and the victim got into a "scuffle" and that he wasn't "beating on her like a dog".

There were numerous prior domestic violence incidents between Haynes and the victim where he became physically and verbally abusive. Haynes will be sentenced on May 10, 2017, in Superior Court where he faces up to 5 years in state prison.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katrina Brownson and investigated by the Tulare Police Department.

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