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Re: *The People of the State of California v. Terry Lawrence*
Prosecutor: Deputy District Attorney Nick Smith

On June 27, 2011, defendant Terry Lawrence was convicted by a jury of felony corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant. Found true was the special allegation that the defendant caused great bodily injury to the victim under circumstances involving domestic violence. Lawrence was also convicted of felony vandalism, as well as misdemeanor assault and battery.

On August 17, 2011, the court sentenced the defendant to eighteen (18) years in state prison. The District Attorney's Office is pleased with the sentence because it recognized the defendant's violent history and punished him accordingly. In this case the defendant punched the victim in her nose causing multiple nasal fractures. He also broke her windshield and rear passenger window with a large rock.

The victim, in her impact statement, thanked the District Attorney's Office for making her feel safe again and helping her through a difficult time in her life.

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