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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Felony Domestic Battery with Traumatic Injury

Today, defendant Jose Alberto Espinosa Moreno pleaded guilty to Domestic Battery with Traumatic injury, a felony offense under Idaho Code § 18-918(2) and 18-903(a) for violence perpetrated against his girlfriend in Victor, Idaho. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Investigation in this case began when medical professionals at St. John's Hospital in Jackson alerted the Teton County Sheriff's Office ("TCSO") that a female was admitted with a deep laceration to her face and numerous abrasions and contusions that they understood to be the result of criminal activity occurring in Teton County, Idaho. TCSO detectives promptly opened an investigation into the incident. Mr. Espinosa Moreno was arrested on May 18, 2023 after TCSO detectives uncovered surveillance footage showing Espinosa punch and kick his girlfriend from behind, and then slam her head into a wooden porch post.

On June 7, 2023, a preliminary hearing was held in the case. The surveillance footage was played. The victim also testified that Espinosa choked her the same night, prior to the events depicted in the footage. The magistrate judge found probable cause that Espinosa committed the felony crime in question, and bound the case over to District Court.

The Defendant and the State entered a plea agreement whereby the Defendant plead guilty as charged and also admitted violating the Court's no-contact order prohibiting him from having contact with the victim in this case. District Judge Steven Boyce has set the case for sentencing on September 5, 2023.

The defendant currently remains in custody of the Teton County Sheriff's Office in this case, and is also subject to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer.

Links:

The Criminal Information in CR41-23-0331 is attached [here](#).

The plea agreement in CR41-23-0331 is attached [here](#).

Additional case information can be found on the iCourt Portal [here](#).