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ULSTER COUNTY JURY CONVICTS KINGSTON MAN FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

KINGSTON, NY – On October 23, 2025, Josue Gonzalez, age 38, of Kingston, was convicted of twelve counts of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, following a four-day jury trial before the Honorable James R. Farrell, visiting Ulster County Court judge. The jury returned the verdict following only one hour of deliberations which began late evening on Thursday.

On February 12, 2024, Josue Gonzalez was released from the Ulster County Jail after serving his sentence for Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree for violating an order of protection involving the same victim. The same day, he returned to the residence of the victim in violation of two separate orders of protection. He continued to return to the victim's residence and calling her disparaging names, disregarding the court orders. He continued to violate the orders of protection by repeatedly calling, texting, and sending social media messages to the victim which caused her to fear for her physical safety. On July 11, 2024, the Ulster County Grand Jury indicted the defendant, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was arrested on the warrant a month later by the City of Kingston Police Department.

Following this conviction, Gonzalez was remanded without bail to the Ulster County Jail to await sentencing on January 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM in Ulster County Court; he faces a maximum indeterminate sentence of 10 to 20 years of state prison.

Special Victims Bureau Chief Jenna Hastings, who handled the prosecution, stated, "Josue Gonzalez has been a repeat domestic violence offender in our community for over fifteen years - that ends with this conviction. I thank the jury for their attention and careful consideration of all the evidence. The victim's strength and courage is commendable. I am grateful to Ulster County Crimes Victims Assistance Program and the City of Kingston Police Department for everything they did in supporting the victim and for holding the defendant accountable."

Ulster County District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji said, "Josue Gonzalez has been scary and unpredictable for very long in his criminal conduct. He elevated himself above the authority of our courts and laws to control his persistent abuse of the victim. For good reason, only the court can change or alter its order, not the victim or defendant, especially when the order is issued to protect a victim who is in constant fear for her safety. Hopefully the victim and her children can begin to recover a sense of living free from fear."

The case is being prosecuted by Special Victims Bureau Chief Jenna Hastings. The investigation was handled by the City of Kingston Police Department. The defendant is represented by William Brenner of Grahamsville.

If you or a loved one are experiencing intimate partner violence, please call the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program at (845) 340-3443, or 911 if you are in immediate danger.

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