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**ALONZO BARAY CONVICTED OF KIDNAPPING IN THE FIRST DEGREE**

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Scot D. Key announces an Otero County jury has found Alonzo Baray, age 34, guilty of Kidnapping in the First Degree and Battery on a Household Member, related to an incident occurring in the summer of 2020. The jury deliberated for approximately ninety (90) minutes before returning the guilty verdicts. The two-day trial was held before the Honorable Chief District Judge, Angie K. Schneider.

In the early morning hours of July 26, 2020, Otero County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a home in Chaparral, New Mexico, in reference to a domestic violence incident. The Victim relayed in detail, Baray entered her residence armed with a knife, dragged her to his vehicle, and transported her to his residence. When they arrived at his residence, she was able to free herself from his grasp, ultimately escaping to the safety of a nearby resident. Throughout the entirety of the incident, Baray kicked the Victim several times in the face and body, dragged her by the hair, struck her on the back of the head, and continuously threatened to kill her. After learning of the situation, Deputies responded to Baray's home to execute an arrest, but to no avail, as Baray had fled the scene and his whereabouts were unknown.

Thereafter, the Otero County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant for Baray's arrest. On September 14, 2020, after nearly two (2) months on the run, Baray was found and arrested in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

The parties appeared for the scheduled two-day trial on December 7, 2021, and December 8, 2021, where Baray was convicted of Kidnapping in the First Degree and Battery on a Household Member.

Baray's case was investigated by the Otero County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Timothy Nuccio and Jared Stensrud.

Baray is pending sentencing and faces twenty-three (23) years imprisonment in the New Mexico Department of Corrections. Kidnapping is classified as a serious violent offense, and as such, would require Baray to serve eight-five (85) percent of his sentence.

A Sentencing Hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

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