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Today, following a four day long jury trial held before the Honorable Monica Marlow, a Shasta County jury found William Robert Borelli, 23, of Redding, guilty of two felonies: criminal threats and false imprisonment by violence in connection with a November 29, 2014, incident in the city of Redding.

The incident involved Borelli assaulting the victim in his home, threatening to kill her, and refusing to allow her to leave. The victim was a woman with whom Borelli had a previous dating relationship. The victim, who testified at trial, was finally able to escape by fleeing on foot, and ran to a neighboring house where she called 911.

At the time of the offense, Borelli was on probation for a felony conviction for criminal threats out of Sacramento County. In that case, the victim was also a girlfriend of Borelli. In the Sacramento incident, Borelli assaulted the victim, threatened to kill her, and kept her in her home against her will for several hours.

Both the Sacramento victim and a third victim of an unrelated event testified at trial. Their testimony was admitted under a provision of California law which allows for the introduction of prior acts of domestic violence at trial.

Following the jury verdicts, Borelli was remanded into custody without bail pending his sentencing. Borelli is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Marlow on May 9, 2016, at 11:00 in Department 8 of the Superior Court in Redding. In the Shasta County case, he is facing 12 years and 4 months in state prison. His convictions in this case could also serve as violations of his Sacramento County probation, which would result in additional prison time being imposed by the court in Sacramento County. Because the conviction for criminal threats is a “serious felony” under California law, Borelli will be required to serve at least 85 percent of any prison sentence imposed.

The case was investigated by the Redding Police Department and prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Hanna. Crime Victim Assistance Center advocates Robyn Reger, Angela Mellis, and Barbara Dorris assisted the victims throughout the trial process.