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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the sentencing of Enoc Espinal Estrada, 44, related to a domestic incident at a commuter parking lot that occurred in Prince William County, VA on February 26, 2022. On March 3, 2023, Mr. Espinal Estrada pled guilty to one count of felony aggravated malicious wounding, one count of felony unlawful wounding, and one count of misdemeanor hit and run. On September 28, 2023, Mr. Espinal Estrada was sentenced by Judge Robert P. Coleman of the Prince William County Circuit Court to serve thirty (30) years in prison with twenty (20) years suspended, giving him an active sentence of ten (10) years in prison. In addition, Mr. Espinal Estrada received a five (5) year suspended sentence on the unlawful wounding charge and twelve (12) month suspended sentence on the hit and run charge. Upon release, he will supervised on probation for a period of five years.

On February 26, 2022, Prince William County Police responded to the Horner Commuter Lot in Woodbridge, Virginia. Mr. Espinal Estrada and his former partner were involved in a domestic dispute inside Mr. Espinal Estrada's car; their 5-year-old child was also in the car. During the incident, the defendant strangled the victim. She was eventually able to escape the car with the child and made her way to the only other car in the lot, which contained a family who exited the vehicle to assist her and the child. As she and the child were approaching the family's car, the defendant circled around the lot and rapidly accelerated towards the victim, the child, and the family of the other vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle, a 57-year-old man who was assisting the victim, drew his legally owned firearm and fired multiple rounds toward the defendant's vehicle, striking it once. The defendant was not hit by the gunfire and drove his car into the family's car, where an 8-year-old boy, a 5-year-old girl, and a 15-month-old girl were seated. Fortunately, the children in the vehicle sustained no injuries. The defendant then backed up his vehicle and drove toward the victim and the 16-year-old boy who was trying to help her, striking both with his vehicle before leaving the scene. The victim was taken to an area hospital for injuries to her pelvis, leg, and foot. The 16-year-old was treated for non-life-threatening injuries to his leg and hand on the scene.

Ms. Ashworth offered the following comment about this case:

“What started as a domestic incident quickly turned into an attack on a family that just happened to be in the commuter lot when the victim broke free from her attacker. We are grateful there were no deaths, but the injuries caused as a result of the attack are nevertheless entirely unjustified and appalling. A ten-year active prison sentence is entirely appropriate and should serve as a message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in Prince William County.”

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney W. Michael Phipps. The Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney would like to recognize Arturo Guzman and Celina Cary of the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Victim/Witness Program, for the invaluable assistance they provided the victims and their families. We also want to recognize the hard work of Officer C. W. Kelly who investigated the matter on behalf of the Prince William County Police Department.

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019. The Commonwealth Attorney’s Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at [cwoffice@pwcgov.org](mailto:cwoffice@pwcgov.org).

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