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OSCAR GONZALEZ, JR. SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR THE 2015 TORTURE, ASSAULT AND KIDNAPPING OF HIS SISTER.

Oscar Gonzalez, Jr. (42, of Dinuba) was sentenced today to 23 years and 8 months to life in prison for brutally kidnapping and torturing his sister by cutting her body numerous times.

Gonzalez, Jr. was convicted in September by a jury of torture, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, kidnapping, and false imprisonment by violence. The jury also found that the defendant used a dangerous and deadly weapon (a knife) and that he inflicted great bodily injury on the victim.

Judge Sanderson sentenced the defendant to 23 years and 8 months to life in state prison. However, upon reaching the age of 60 and having served 25 years, the defendant will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program. Judge Sanderson stated that the defendant took advantage of familial trust and the degree of callousness is to be taken very seriously.

During the trial, Deputy District Attorney Ashley Paulson presented evidence that Oscar Gonzalez, Jr. turned an evening that was meant to be a night of catching up with his sister, into a night of torture and torment. The defendant duct taped the victim's hands, punched her, kicked her and sliced her from head to toe. He dug a hole in the backyard for her body and continued to beat her while she was restrained. The victim had to be rushed to the hospital to receive medical attention for her injuries, and fourteen staples were needed to close the wounds on her head.

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