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**PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE GAINS GUILTY VERDICT IN
ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITY RAPE TRIAL**

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that, on April 13-14, 2023, the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office successfully prosecuted Oscar Contreras Zamilpa for committing the crimes of rape, criminal confinement, and three counts of sexual battery.

On February 18, 2022, EPD Officer Hassler was dispatched to an assisted living facility in response to an anonymous tip reporting possible sexual assault. Officer Hassler spoke to the victim who stated she had been raped by a man known as "Mike", later identified as Defendant Oscar Contreras Zamilpa. The victim told Officer Hassler she was helping "Mike" move furniture, as they lived in the same apartment complex, when Defendant Zamilpa then confined her in the apartment and began to sexually assault her. Officer Hassler then escorted the victim to Deaconess Midtown for a medical exam and for treatment of injuries.

Deputy Prosecutors Jeremy Kemper and Amanda Honaker presented DNA evidence and other medical evidence to secure a guilty verdict on all counts at trial.

Prosecutor Moers thanked her Deputy Prosecutors for their hard work as well as the Victim Advocate Cassie Tempel, Detective Rob Waller, and EPD Officer Nathan Hassler. "This rapist took advantage of a friend and neighbor who lived in the same assisted-living facility as him, but thanks to the survivor's strong voice the Defendant was held accountable today by a jury for each of his actions. My hope is that this brave woman can now begin healing from the horrendous acts of the Defendant. We will be prepared to recommend a harsh punishment at the sentencing. I hope this serves as encouragement to all victims to come forward for help—you will have a fighter in your corner," stated Prosecuting Attorney Moers.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 12, 2023 in front of Judge Robert J. Pigman of the Vanderburgh Superior Court.

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