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Defendant Omar Abughalib found guilty of five counts, Sentencing Set July 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

Omar Abughalib was convicted after a jury trial of two counts of Sexual Assault, one count of Unlawful Sexual Contact with Force, one count of Sexual Assault with Force – Domestic Violence, and one count of Unlawful Sexual Contact with Force – Domestic Violence for sexually assaulting a female acquaintance, as well as an ex-girlfriend in 2017. Both victims testified at trial along with two other women who experienced sexual violence at the hands of Mr. Abughalib. At trial, the victims recounted how the Defendant repeatedly sexually assaulted them. The Defendant physically and sexually assaulted the acquaintance in her home – he slapped, strangled, and pinned her down during the assaults. She testified that he later apologized for his behavior and asked her to keep it between them and not to tell anyone. The second victim testified how he sexually assaulted her multiple times during their relationship. Sentencing in this case is scheduled for July 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, “We greatly appreciate the jury’s service. Due to the amount of evidence to consider, the jury worked hard to reach the right verdict. The victims demonstrated courage and perseverance in reporting these attacks and going through this trial. I am grateful for the outstanding efforts of the entire prosecution team. Our staff was committed to reaching the right result and worked tirelessly to do so; we recognize the trauma for the victims and the impact on community safety.”