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Jury Finds Edwin Diaz, II Guilty of Assault and Criminal Mistreatment
Statement from Wasco County District Attorney Kara Davis

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THE DALLES, OR –December 19, 2025 – Wasco County District Attorney Kara Davis announced that on Thursday, December 11, a Wasco County jury found Edwin Diaz, II, 30, guilty on all counts, including Assault in the Second Degree, Assault in the Third Degree, and Criminal Mistreatment. The jury, comprised of 12 Wasco County residents, deliberated late into the evening before returning a verdict shortly after 8:00 p.m.

The charges stemmed from two separate incidents in November 2022 where Mr. Diaz caused multiple, severe injuries to a non-verbal, autistic six-year-old girl. Mr. Diaz was in a relationship with the victim's mother at the time of the crimes.

Evidence presented during the trial revealed a pattern of abuse. In the first incident, Mr. Diaz claimed the girl was injured when a door fell on her while playing hide-and-go-seek; however, the extent of her injuries was inconsistent with this explanation. Days later, following a violent argument between Mr. Diaz and the girl's mother, the child was found to have suffered a broken femur.

"The victim is doing well and is a happy and healthy little girl," said District Attorney Kara Davis. "Her mother showed incredible amounts of fortitude in facing the defendant and testifying during this trial."

The District Attorney's Office commended several organizations and individuals whose contributions were critical to securing the conviction -- Wasco County Sheriff's Office and in particular, Detectives Williams and Hall, for their invaluable assistance in the investigation of this case; CARES NW for performing the assessment which was key to explaining the patterns of abuse to the jury; and the Wasco County jury for careful consideration regarding difficult facts presented during the trial.

Assault in the Second Degree is a Measure 11 crime, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 70 months in prison with no possibility for early release or reduction.

Mr. Diaz has been taken into custody and will remain there until his sentencing, which is scheduled for December 30th.

This case was prosecuted by District Attorney Kara Davis and Deputy District Attorney Caleb Berthelsen.

If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence, resources are available:

- Locally: Haven acts as a resource for victims in the community and can be reached at 541-296-1662.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

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