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### **Defendant in Child Endangerment Case Sentenced to 365 days custody** *Attempted to use his child as a human shield*

**San Diego, CA:** San Diego City Attorney Jan Goldsmith announced that Michael Valadez, 37, was sentenced today to 365 days custody by Judge Peter C. Deddeh for child endangerment. Valadez was found guilty of child endangerment by trying to use his own child as a human shield.

”Abusers of children will not be tolerated. They will be held accountable to the fullest extent that the law allows,” said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. “I’m very proud of the hard work done on this case by Deputy City Attorney Cheryl Shitabata and our domestic violence unit.”

On April 27<sup>th</sup> two San Diego Police Department officers responded to a domestic violence call and were let into the house by the defendant’s 12 year old child. The 12 year old told officers that her dad was hurting her mom. Valadez walks out and told officers to “get the (expletive) out of here!” He refused to comply with officers repeated commands to gain his compliance and cooperation. Valadez took a fighting stance and one officer pulled his gun, the other his taser. Valadez then reached into the bedroom and grabbed his 3 year old daughter, telling officers, “shoot me, shoot me (expletive)!”

In May, a jury convicted Valadez of one count of child endangerment in violation of Penal Code 273a(b) and two counts of resisting an officer, in violation of Penal Code 148(a)(1) in *People v. Michael Valadez*, case number M166763DV.

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