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**WEST LOS ANGELES MAN CONVICTED IN SAME-SEX  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE**

**LOS ANGELES** – A Superior Court jury returned a guilty verdict against a West Los Angeles man for his involvement in a same sex domestic violence incident following a night of drinking in Hollywood. Deputy City Attorney Brad Rothenberg successfully prosecuted the case.

Stephen Williams, 31, was convicted on one count of inflicting corporal injury and one count of battery against his dating partner, following a one-week jury trial and 90 minutes of jury deliberation.

Judge Lia Martin sentenced the defendant to 36 months summary probation, 30 days in County jail, 30 days of CalTrans work and 24 hours of community service. Additionally, the defendant must complete a 52 week domestic violence course and 26 Alcoholics Anonymous classes. Defendant cannot consume alcohol or be present where alcohol is the chief item consumed or sold for the 36 month probation period.

Defendant and the victim had dated for two years and lived together at the time of the incident. On February 18, 2011, the defendant, the victim and his sister, and another friend went to the Highlands Club at the Hollywood and Highland complex. After leaving the club, the group tried to prevent the intoxicated defendant from driving home. The testimony at trial revealed that the defendant became angry, punched the victim two times, then drove 30 feet, got out of the car and punched the victim three more times. The defendant's punches cut and bloodied the victim's lip and caused the left side of the victim's face to be swollen.

After private security at the parking garage intervened, the defendant drove to his West Los Angeles home, where he again attempted to attack the victim. The victim telephoned 911 and LAPD officers responded and took the defendant into custody.

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