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Thousand Oaks Father Sentenced for Torturing Young Daughter

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Tekquan Alexander (DOB 10/06/96), of Thousand Oaks, was sentenced on December 12, 2024, to life in state prison with the possibility of parole for beating his young daughter into a vegetative state. Alexander was previously convicted by a jury on November 12, 2024, of three felony counts, including torture, assault on a child causing a comatose condition, and corporal injury to a child. The jury and judge also found true all special allegations and aggravating factors, including the victim being vulnerable, taking advantage of a position of trust, and causing great bodily injury to a child under five.

“Today is Alani's birthday and, while no punishment can undo the lifetime of challenges she will face, her family knowing her perpetrator could spend his life behind bars is a small gift of justice,” said Deputy District Attorney Rikole Kelly, who prosecuted the case.

In the week of Thanksgiving 2021, Alexander punched and beat four-year-old Alani with a belt. Then, on November 29, 2021, he assaulted her again, first with a belt and then with a stereo amplifier cable after she wet the bed. He continued to beat her until she became unresponsive in the bathroom of their Thousand Oaks home. Alani was taken to a local hospital and airlifted to Children's Hospital in Los Angeles where she was diagnosed with critical injuries, including a brain injury, subdural hematoma, spinal compression, bone fractures, and countless contusions and abrasions. Alexander was arrested and an extensive investigation was conducted by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Based on the injuries, experts testified that Alani's injuries were consistent with abusive head trauma.

Alani continues to suffer from profound and life-altering consequences due to the injuries sustained. She remains paralyzed and in a vegetative state. Her condition underscores the

devastating impact of these injuries, leaving her reliant on round-the-clock medical care and support for even the most basic functions.

Case: 2021030890

Defendant Information:

Tekquan Alexander (DOB 10/06/96)

Thousand Oaks

Convicted of:

- PC 206 – Torture
- PC 273ab(b) – Assault on a child causing comatose condition
- PC 273d(a) – Corporal injury to child

Special Allegations Found True:

- CRC 4.421(a)(2) – The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) – The defendant took advantage of a position of trust
- PC 12022.7(d) – Great bodily injury of child under five years of age

