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The law firm of Kilgore & Rodriguez, LLC is honored to announce that this morning, Judge Ann B. Harris of the Cobb County Superior Court signed the dismissal (nolle prosequi) of aggravated assault charges against Jesus “Junior” Lomeli (State vs. Jesus Lomeli, 17-9-2335). Mr. Lomeli, was accused of running over his girlfriend’s uncle with a car after a New Year’s Eve Party on January 1, 2017, and faced up to 20 years in prison. Mr. Lomeli was represented by Carlos J. Rodriguez. After one week of challenging the prosecution’s evidence in a jury trial, the case was dismissed before the jury had an opportunity to return a verdict.

After one juror was excused to be with her dying mother, and another juror was taken to the hospital for a stomach virus, only 11 jurors were left to hear the case. Confident in Lomeli’s innocence, the defense agreed to waive the constitutional requirement of a 12-person jury and finish the trial with the 11 remaining jurors. In a telling decision, the prosecution did not agree to go forward with 11 jurors and Judge Harris decided to recess the trial for one week until the 12th juror at the hospital could rejoin the jury. In a stunning turn of events, the Cobb County District Attorney’s Office asked Judge Harris to dismiss the case before the prosecution had even finished calling its witnesses: “After presentation of most of the State’s evidence during trial by [the assistant district attorney] and based upon a further review of the evidence we felt a Nolle Prosequi is the best outcome at this time.”

The dismissal validates what Rodriguez told jurors during opening statement: “I will do everything that I can to make sure that this trial is a search for the truth... Junior isn’t guilty of a single thing.”

Attached, is a photo of Carlos Rodriguez with his client Junior Lomeli, and a copy of the dismissal in the case.

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