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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION SEVEN

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

WILLIAM COURNEY BROWN,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Los Angeles County
Super. Ct. No. MA068793)

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Christopher G. Estes, Judge. Affirmed.

Erica Gambale, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

William Courney Brown appeals from a final judgment entered after a jury convicted him of assault with a deadly weapon and related offenses. Brown was sentenced as a second-strike offender to 16 years in state prison. We affirm.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Brown and Serenity Star were at the home of friends on May 5, 2016, when Brown stabbed Star's arm and neck with a paring knife. The friends intervened and stopped the attack. After one of the friends left with Brown, Star fled from the home and asked a neighbor to summon the police.

Brown was arrested and charged in an information with assault with a deadly weapon (Pen. Code, § 245, subd. (a), count 1), willfully inflicting corporal injury upon a former cohabitant, who was also the mother of his child (Pen. Code, § 273.5, count 2) and violating a court order (contempt of court) with a prior conviction (Pen. Code, § 166, subd. (c)(4), count 3). The information specially alleged as to counts 1 and 2 that Brown personally inflicted great bodily injury in committing the offense (Pen. Code, § 12022.7, subd. (e)). As to all counts it was specially alleged Brown had suffered a prior serious or violent felony conviction within the meaning of the Three Strikes law (Pen. Code, §§ 667, subds. (b)-(j); 1170.12) and Penal Code section 667, subdivision (a)(1) and had previously served three separate prison terms for felonies (Pen. Code, § 667.5, subd. (b)).

After Brown was convicted of the charges on September 21, 2016, he admitted the prior conviction allegations in a bifurcated proceeding. On October 18, 2016, Brown moved to dismiss his prior strike conviction under *People v. Romero* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 497, to stay sentencing on count 3, and for a new trial.

On November 15, 2016, Brown made a motion to replace his appointed counsel under *People v. Marsden* (1970) 2 Cal.3d 118, which the trial court heard and denied.

On January 6, 2017, the court denied Brown's *Romero* motion and new trial motion following a hearing. The court sentenced Brown to an aggregate state prison term of 16 years, consisting of eight years (double the four-year upper term) for assault with a deadly weapon; three years for the great bodily injury enhancement; and five years for the prior serious felony enhancement. The sentences on the remaining counts were imposed and stayed under Penal Code section 654. Brown filed a timely notice of appeal.

DISCUSSION

On August 21, 2017, we advised Brown he had 30 days within which to submit any contentions or issues he wished us to consider. We have received no response.

We have examined the entire record and are satisfied Brown's appellate attorney has fully complied with the responsibilities of counsel and no arguable issue exists. (*Smith v. Robbins* (2000) 528 U.S. 259, 277-284 [120 S.Ct. 746, 145 L.Ed.2d 756]; *People v. Kelly* (2006) 40 Cal.4th 106, 118-119; *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436, 441-442.)

DISPOSITION

The judgment is affirmed.

ZELON, J.

We concur:

PERLUSS, P. J.

BENSINGER, J.*

* Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, assigned by the Chief Justice pursuant to article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution.