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IVANHOE MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Yesterday in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Robert Eusebio, age 24, of Ivanhoe, to 9 years, 4 months in state prison for domestic violence and other crimes. On January 6, 2017, Eusebio pleaded no contest to one violent felony count of kidnapping, one violent felony count of domestic violence with great bodily injury, and one serious felony count of dissuading a witness from testifying, all of which are strike offenses.

In the late evening hours of August 7, 2015, deputies were dispatched regarding a domestic disturbance. Deputies were advised that an ambulance was taking the victim to Kaweah Delta Medical Center. Deputies arrived at Kaweah Delta and observed the victim to be muddy from head to toe with a large welt on the side of her face, as well as scratches on her neck, back, arms and legs. Deputies learned that Eusebio forced the victim to go with him in a car where he proceeded to hit her numerous times. At one point the victim fled from the car attempting to get away, but Eusebio followed, caught up to the victim and held her head under water in a nearby canal for 4-5 seconds. A truck passed by and the victim attempted to call for help. Eusebio coaxed the victim back into the car, and eventually dropped himself off at his house. The victim was then able to drive to a safe location where the police were called. While in custody Eusebio wrote the victim a letter attempting to dissuade her from testifying against him.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cindy Underwood of the Special Crimes Division. It was investigated by Deputy Venegas, Deputy Conley and Deputy Franks of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department, as well as Investigator Katherine Porter of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

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