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**VISALIA MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN STATE PRISON FOR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEX CRIMES**

Today in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Steve Saechao, age 35, of Visalia, to 13 years in state prison for domestic violence and sex crimes. On March 28, 2017, Saechao pleaded no contest to one violent felony count of domestic violence with great bodily injury and three counts of sexual penetration with a foreign object.

In late September of 2014, Saechao sexually assaulted the victim, who he was in a relationship with. It was discovered that Saechao took cell phone videos of the assaults while the victim was passed out from drinking. During a separate incident, he punched her numerous times in the face and struck her back and legs with a fishing rod.

In addition to his prison sentence, Saechao will have to register as a sex offender for life.

The case was prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Cindy Underwood and investigated by the Visalia Police Department as well as the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

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