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SALINAS MAN CONVICTED OF NUMEROUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Russell Jay Yoshimaru, age 40 and a resident of Salinas, was convicted of five felony charges including inflicting corporal injury on his wife, assault with a firearm, dissuading a witness, threats of violence and damaging a phone line. The matter was heard in a court trial before a Judge Robert Burlison in Salinas.

The testimony of Jane Doe showed that on June 13, 2008, during an argument with her husband she attempted to call 911 for help. Yoshimaru interrupted her call to police when he grabbed the phone from her and broke it. She attempted to use a cell phone to call 911 again and he grabbed her wrists, pried the phone away and broke the cell phone stating she wasn't going anywhere or calling anyone. Yoshimaru then pushed her into a door leaving a large bruise on her back and threw her to the floor. When Jane Doe tried to get up, the defendant kicked the back of her knees forcing her to the floor again. While Jane Doe was on the floor, he put a gun to her head and said he would kill her if she tried to leave him. Jane Doe had bruises all over her body and multiple weapons were found in the residence.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation and arrest in this incident.

Sentencing will take place on December 30, 2009, before Judge Burlison in Department 10.