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## **FRESNO MAN TO RECEIVE 10 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 21, 2016, Fresno resident Jose Ernesto Soto, age 31, entered a plea of no contest to one count of felony domestic violence and admitted he had a prior strike conviction.

The domestic incident occurred in April 2014. Soto shoved the victim's head into a bathroom mirror and choked her until she was rendered unconscious. When the victim awakened, Soto chased her with a knife. Soto is currently serving a prison sentence for assaulting his nephew with a belt in Madera County.

Soto will receive a state prison sentence of 10 years. He is scheduled to be next in court on August 16, 2016 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes.

The case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Costa.