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SALINAS MAN TO RECEIVE 8 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on July 5, 2016, Salinas resident Horacio Venegas, age 46, entered pleas of no contest to felony domestic violence, felony dissuading a witness, and misdemeanor assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury. Venegas also admitted a prior strike conviction.

The domestic incident occurred in March 2015. Venegas struck the victim in the face, causing a large black eye and the victim's eye to swell shut. While out on bail, Venegas came to the victim's house in violation of the protective order and asked her to change her testimony about the domestic incident. On another occasion, Venegas strangled the victim in the parking garage of her home.

Venegas will receive a sentence of 8 years in state prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on August 9, 2016 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department, as well as District Attorney Investigator Steve Guidi.