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## **SALINAS MAN CONVICTED OF COMMITTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Wilfredo Urias Echeverria, age 28, a resident of Salinas, was convicted by jury of two counts of injury on spouse resulting in a traumatic condition.

On October 14, 2015, Echeverria decided to lock his wife, the victim, and her two-year-old daughter out of their house after an argument. When the victim tried to enter the house through a window, the defendant pulled the window down on her arm. The victim suffered blue and purple bruising along the entirety of her upper arm.

Later that night, another argument began about money and the victim wanting to leave Echeverria. During this argument he put his hands over the victim's mouth to stop her from talking. She tried to push him off but he grabbed her and threw her off the bed. The victim tried to defend herself by slapping him. He grabbed her arms and punched her in the eye twice and once in the back of her head. The victim lost consciousness and her eye turned purple and swelled shut.

The victim went to the work the next day and tried to conceal the injury. A neighbor saw that she was wearing sunglasses and inquired what had happened to her eye. The neighbor then called the police on behalf of the victim.

The case was investigated by Officer Ciro Barboza of the Salinas Police Department. Sentencing is set before Judge Robert A. Burlison on March 9, 2017. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 4 years in state prison.