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## **REPEAT DOMESTIC BATTERER GETS PRISON TERM FOR ASSAULTING PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND WITH FIREARM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Brandon Rashad Beaver, age 36 of Sacramento, was sentenced to four years and four months in state prison for beating his pregnant girlfriend and assaulting her with a semiautomatic firearm.

On January 8, 2017, Beaver's live-in girlfriend went to Marina Police Department with two black eyes, visible facial bruising, and blood in her eyeball. She was six months pregnant with Beaver's child. The victim said that two days earlier, Beaver had accused her of cheating on him, grabbed her by the neck, and threw her down onto their bed. Beaver struck the victim in the face approximately 10 times until she bled from her nose. She was unable to get off of the bed because Beaver was lying on top of her.

Beaver then got off of the victim, retrieved a semiautomatic handgun, and pointed the gun in her face. He told her, "You'd better admit it, or else." He threatened to strike the victim with the handgun before hitting her three to four more times with his closed fist.

When Beaver was arrested, he was found in possession of a methamphetamine pipe, and a box of ammunition was also found in his bedroom. Beaver was prohibited by law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition based on multiple prior felony convictions, including a 2013 felony domestic violence charge out of Sacramento, where he was still on probation for inflicting injury on a different girlfriend.

Beaver pleaded guilty to one count of inflicting corporal injury on a cohabitant, with an enhancement that he had previously been convicted of a domestic violence offense, and one count of assault with a semiautomatic firearm. He was sentenced by Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

The case was investigated by Marina Police Department Officer Pablo Andrade and Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Oliver Minnig.