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Repeat Domestic Violence Offender Sentenced to Third Prison Term for Offenses Committed Against Spouse

On October 19th, 2022, Pascual Sanchez (43, of Pinedale) was sentenced to 25 years in state prison for domestic violence charges against his spouse. Sanchez's sentence was handed down by the Honorable Alvin Harrell III following a jury trial that concluded with a guilty verdict on August 25th, 2022, in the Fresno Superior Court. Since 2001, Sanchez has previously been convicted of three prior domestic violence cases and has served two separate prison terms relating to those convictions.

Sanchez was arrested by the Fresno Police Department on April 16th, 2022. Evidence presented at trial showed that Sanchez assaulted the victim on two separate dates causing great bodily injury. Those assaults included throwing a hammer at the victim's head, kicking her repeatedly in the ribs, and punching her in the head. As a result of this conduct, Sanchez was formally charged with four felony counts, and two enhancements.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the members of the Fresno Police Department for their dedication to this case.

The case was successfully prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jenny Volanti assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. Ms. Volanti was assisted by District Attorney Senior Investigators Jacob Rios and Wa Cha from the Fresno County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and our office remains committed to pursuing justice for victims of domestic violence.

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