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**VISALIA MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON FOR BASEBALL BAT
ATTEMPTED MURDER**

Yesterday in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano sentenced Marco Antonio Alderete, age 33, of Visalia, to 36 years to life in prison for attempted murder.

On October 26, 2016, Alderete was found guilty of one count of attempted murder with the special allegations of using a deadly weapon and causing great bodily injury. He was also found guilty of one count of assault with a deadly weapon. Despite pleading insanity, the jury found Alderete to be sane during the commission of the crime. The court also found true that Alderete possessed two prior strikes.

Just after 6:00 am on December 22, 2012, Alderete retrieved a baseball bat from an outside storage bin at the recovery home he was staying at. Alderete returned to the residence and proceeded to beat a sleeping roommate with the bat until he was restrained by another resident. The victim, an adult male, was rushed to the hospital for multiple lacerations to his head and legs. Police officers from the Visalia Police Department responded and took Alderete in to custody.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rajesh Chabra and was investigated by Office Max Navo of the Visalia Police Department.

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