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A 55 year-old Redding man has been sentenced to 11 years and 8 months in prison for felony charges of causing corporal injury to a co-habitant, possession and transportation of drugs. Terry Washington was found guilty in December of inflicting corporal injury on a co-habitant, assault by means of force likely to cause great bodily injury, brandishing a knife and being under the influence of a controlled substance after a three day jury. Washington was already on probation for two prior felony drug offenses, possession of methamphetamine and transportation of hydrocodone

The domestic violence case occurred on October 1, 2008 at a Redding apartment where the defendant was living with the victim. The defendant returned home early in the morning after being out all night and, while displaying a kitchen knife, he pulled the victim out of bed by her hair and dragged her across the floor, resulting in a visible abrasion on her arm. The victim was able to call 911 and Redding Police responded to find the highly agitated defendant still at the scene. A later blood test confirmed the presence of methamphetamine in his system.

Washington has seven prior felony convictions dating back to 1996 for possession, sales and transportation of drugs and has served four prior prison sentences. At the sentencing hearing on February 25, Shasta County Judge Stephen Baker cited the defendant's long criminal record in imposing the sentence.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes.