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Sou Poo Saechao Sentenced to Five Years State Prison

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Sou Poo Saechao, 33, of Redding was sentenced today on two felonies involving an attack on his elderly father that happened in March of this year. The case was set to go to jury trial on August 11, however Saechao pled the morning of trial. Saechao pled to felony counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Criminal Threats and admitted that he had one prior "strike" conviction and an allegation that he had not been free from prison custody for five years.

The crime took place in the early morning hours on March 30, 2011. Saechao kicked in his elderly father's door and demanded the keys to his car. He had a 17 ½ inch knife that he had made the day prior. Saechao held the knife to his father's throat and threatened to kill his father if he did not give him the car keys. His father yelled for help and his sister in law intervened and called 911. Officers from the Redding Police Department responded and arrested Saechao.

The sentencing hearing was held today and the Honorable Judge Beatty sentenced Saechao to five years in state prison. Both of his new felonies are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes Law.

This case was investigated by Redding Police Department Officer Aaron Hollemon and District Attorney Investigator Robert Angelo. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou. The victims were assisted by Barbara Dorris of the Shasta County District Attorney's Office.