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Salinas man sentenced to 5 years in assault case against wife

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A Salinas man was sentenced to five years in prison today for assault with a firearm on a person in an incident last year where he accused his wife of cheating.

Gabriel Saldana pleaded no contest April 21 to the charge, which includes an admission that he used a firearm during the commission of felony.

Before he was sentenced this morning, Saldana asked for forgiveness and pleaded to Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler for a second chance.

Tom Worthington, Saldana's defense attorney, state in court that his client has never been in trouble with the law except for the Oct. 15 incident. During the incident, police have said, Saldana is accused of threatening to kill himself and a man he thought his wife was having an affair with.

Worthington said his client has stated that he never hit his wife or point the gun at her. He said, however, that Saldana "did introduce a gun."