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## COEUR D'ALENE MAN SENTENCED TO THIRTY-THREE MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED STRANGULATION AND FELONY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

David B. Moen, 41, of Cocur d'Alene, was sentenced yesterday to serve thirty-three months in state prison for attempted strangulation and felony domestic violence, the Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today. Moen was sentenced by District Judge Fred Gibler, who ordered that Moen would serve the entire thirty-three months as a fixed term, and would not receive credit for the two hundred fifty-seven (257) days he had already served awaiting sentencing. Moen admitted to the charges which related to a September 12, 2010 incident involving his then-girlfriend. The incident included Moen choking his girlfriend, banging her head against a wall, punching her in the head repeatedly, and kicking her in the head several times.

Moen has an extensive criminal record, including five prior felony convictions and seventeen misdemeanor convictions, and was on federal probation at the time these crimes were committed.

Prosecuting Attorney Barry McRugh praised the work of the Coeur d'Aleno Police Department, as well as Terri Laird, who prosecuted the case. McHugh stated that "Mr. Moen received a fair sentence. His conduct reveals his inability, at this time, after many convictions, to comply with society's rules. Incarceration is appropriate to protect our community from his

violent nature. Following his incarceration, we hope his federal probation will continue so that sufficient incentives are in place to convince Mr. Moen to avoid further violations."

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