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### **Toppenish Man Sentenced for Violent Domestic Assault**

Yakima, Washington – First Assistant United States Attorney S. Peter Serrano announced that on May 19, 2026, Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced George Joseph Visaya, Jr., age 21, of Toppenish, Washington, to 46 months in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release for his violent domestic assault of his then partner. Visaya was also ordered to pay \$1,588.50 in restitution to the Washington Department of Health and Social Services.

According to court documents and information presented at sentencing, on September 8, 2024, Visaya assaulted the victim, an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation. Officers of the Yakima County Sheriff's Department and Yakama Nation Police Department found the victim unconscious and lying in blood with Visaya nearby. The victim was transported to the hospital first in Yakima and then to Seattle, as she had to be intubated and stopped breathing due to her injuries, which included an orbital fracture and subdural hematoma. The victim gratefully recovered. Visaya pled guilty to Assault with a Dangerous Weapon on January 13, 2026.

First Assistant Serrano stated, "Domestic violence thrives in silence. Holding offenders accountable helps to break that silence. The violence inflicted here is truly unconscionable, thankfully the victim survived this horrific beating. Our office will continue to prioritize crimes of violence along with our federal, state and tribal partners."

"The degree of violence Mr. Visaya inflicted in this case, especially towards his partner, is horrifying," said W. Mike Herrington, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Seattle field office. "He nearly killed her and left her with permanent injuries requiring medical treatment more than a hundred miles away in Seattle. The FBI and our partners are committed to combatting violent crime, no matter what form it may take, on tribal lands and throughout the state of Washington."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Yakama Nation Police Department and the Yakima County Sheriff's Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Murphy.

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