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## **MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE GREAT BODILY HARM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Paul Gordo, age 18 of Marina, pled guilty to assault with intent to cause great bodily injury, a misdemeanor. Judge Pam Butler sentenced Mr. Gordo to three years informal probation, search and seizure waiver, and restitution to the victim. The court granted the defendant permission to attend specialized out of state programs and counseling addressing his autistic condition.

The offense occurred on July 14, 2015 at the Marina Public Library. Mr. Gordo, who has been diagnosed with autism, was attending specialized summer learning sessions when he became frustrated, ran full speed and with both arms outstretched and pushed the 58-year-old female victim. The victim, who suffers from advanced stages of Huntington's disease, fell to the ground hitting her head. The victim received a concussion after being knocked unconscious for 30 to 45 seconds. As a result of her injury and her condition, she was hospitalized.

In reaching this result the District Attorney's Office considered the injury to the victim, as well as the defendant's medical condition, and hopes that with the court's oversight Mr. Gordo will receive appropriate counseling and access to programs that will assist him in addressing his behavior.

The case was investigated by The Marina Police Department and Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Spencer.