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SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THREATS, DRUG AND GUN POSSESSION

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Juan Demetrius Watson, age 37 of Seaside, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for a number of felony offenses, including domestic violence, dissuading a witness, making a criminal threat, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance in the jail on April 12, 2016.

On April 27, 2014, Watson got into an argument with his estranged wife, who told him to leave her home or she would call the police. Watson placed his hand into his pocket as though he had a gun and told her she was going to “catch six hot ones.” The victim was fearful that he would harm her because he had previously been to prison for assaulting her.

On October 24, 2014, Watson was arrested outside the victim’s house in violation of a restraining order. He left a loaded, sawed-off shotgun by the back door to her property, which he was prohibited from possessing due to his prior felony convictions.

On November 22, 2014, Watson came to his ex-wife’s home and assaulted her, strangling her with his hands until she lost consciousness. He fled the scene before 911 could be called, but continued to send the victim text messages threatening her if she cooperated with police.

On December 6, 2014, Watson was arrested on the previous domestic violence charges. He was subject to a routine strip search during booking at Monterey County Jail. Watson was found to have secreted 16 plastic bindles of methamphetamine in his body. Following his arrest, Watson sent the victim numerous harassing letters telling her not to come to court and to drop the charges against him.

Watson’s cases were investigated by the Seaside Police Department, the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office and the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office. He was sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes.