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MARINA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 12, Clyde Whitfield was sentenced by Judge Larry E. Hayes to 20 years and 4 months in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the 2013 crimes of domestic violence, criminal threats, dissuasion of a witness, and auto theft which occurred in CSUMB housing.

On November 30, 2013, the defendant, age 43, accused his girlfriend of cheating, hit her several times in the head and strangled her until she gave up the “name “of the person with whom she was unfaithful to Whitfield. Upon receiving the victim’s alleged admission to infidelity, the defendant told the victim she could not leave or he would put her in the trunk of her car, drive the car to the fields and set fire to the car so no one would ever find her.

The victim fearfully remained in the apartment for several hours. The defendant smothered the victim with a pillow and strangled her two more times over the three hour period in an attempt to solicit further admissions. When the victim made a gesture toward her cell phone, the defendant told her if she called the police, she would be dead before they got through the door. When the defendant walked toward the restroom, the victim finally made her escape and ran out of the housing area toward Imjin Parkway where she flagged down three college students who transported the victim to safety and called CSUMB police. The defendant then called 911 to report that he was the victim and was assaulted by his girlfriend. He subsequently fled the area in the victim’s vehicle and was located several hours later at a Monterey Peninsula College parking lot. It was determined at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula that the victim suffered from a perforated eardrum as well as bruises to her arms, chest and eye area.

In 2007, Whitfield had previously been convicted of a strike offense where he held a knife to the throat of a family member. Additionally, the defendant had three robbery strike convictions from 1992-1994.