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## **MARINA MAN RECEIVES 12 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DISSUADING A WITNESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Charles Johnston, age 38 of Marina, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to dissuading a witness, multiple counts of domestic violence, and illegally possessing a firearm. Monterey Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver presided.

On September 20, 2015, Marina police officers responded to Johnston's residence because Jane Doe, the victim, reported that he had used physical violence to hold her against her will, and that he was in possession of a shotgun. Johnston, who is prohibited from possessing any firearm due to a previous felony conviction, was subsequently arrested by the Marina Police Department. A criminal protective order was issued promptly, prohibiting him from contacting Jane Doe.

Johnston continued to contact Jane Doe in violation of the protective order by calling her from the county jail over 100 times. Johnston is a member of the Northern Riders gang and a former Aryan Brotherhood member. He threatened Jane Doe that if she testified, the Northern Riders would come after her and her family, and that they could kill her.

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