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WATSONVILLE MAN RECEIVES PRISON TERM FOR BURGLARY, AUTO THEFT

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Gabriel Negron, Jr., age 26 of Watsonville, was sentenced to 32 months in state prison for burglary and the unlawful taking or driving of a vehicle.

On July 20, 2016, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to an off-site facility in Castroville owned by an agricultural company. The reporting party discovered that Negron had broken into a locked storage shed by pulling the wood siding away from the exterior wall using a screwdriver. However, after gaining access, Negron apparently became locked inside of the shed and forgot how to get out. He was still inside the shed when deputies opened it and took him into custody.

Negron, who was on parole and had an arrest warrant, provided the deputy a false name to avoid arrest. However, the deputy was able to determine his true identity. Negron was additionally found to have taken a relative's vehicle without her permission and driven it to the facility.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Negron to 32 months in custody. His sentence was doubled as a result of a 2010 "strike" conviction for robbery.

The case was investigated by Deputy Scott Davis of Monterey County Sheriff's Office.