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MAN PLEADS GUILTY OF ROBBERY AND BATTERY ON AN OFFICER

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on October 28, 2016 German Eduardo Flores, aka Alma Rico, age 25, pled guilty to second degree robbery, a felony strike offense, and to committing battery by gassing on an officer, a felony offense.

On July 30, 2015, Flores was observed filling a backpack full of merchandise at Walmart and then attempting to leave the store without paying. A Walmart loss prevention officer saw Flores and contacted him about not paying for the items. Flores pulled out a folding pocket knife, raised it above his shoulders, pointed the blade at the officer who was only three feet away, and stood in a combative manner. Flores was subsequently arrested by officers from the Marina Police Department and was booked at the Monterey County Jail.

On September 29, 2015, Flores was transported from the Monterey County Jail to the Monterey County Superior Court in Salinas for court proceedings in his pending robbery case. While he was seated in the jury box waiting for his case to be called, he arbitrarily stood up and started walking towards the door. A Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy quickly walked over to him and grabbed his right arm to make him sit down. Flores ignored the deputy's commands, physically resisted, and swung his elbow, which missed the deputy. Flores then cocked his head back and spit at deputy's face hitting her in the left eye.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler will sentence Flores to three years in state prison on December 9, 2016.

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