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JURY FINDS SEASIDE MAN GUILTY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 12 Royer Joel Hernandez-Melgar, age 20, of Seaside, was found guilty by jury of committing domestic violence against his partner.

On September 4, 2016, Hernandez-Melgar and the victim Jane Doe were in the parking lot of a CVS store in Monterey, where they engaged in a verbal argument. During the argument Hernandez-Melgar pushed the victim to the ground, grabbed her glasses from her face, threw them on the ground, and held the victim's wrists behind her back while pushing her towards her vehicle. An independent witness who observed the attack reported that Hernandez-Melgar also punched the victim in the face with a closed fist approximately five times.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver presided over the trial and sentenced Hernandez-Melgar to forty days to be served through the work alternative program and three years of formal probation. The court also found that Hernandez-Melgar violated probation on a previous case and reinstated the terms of his probation.

Monterey Police Department Officers Kaster, Hunt, and Detective Sergeant Blair investigated the case.

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