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## **MARINA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR VIOLATING PROBATION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Donta Lamont Beasley, age 24, was sentenced to 3 years in state prison for violating the terms of his formal probation.

On January 7, 2015, Beasley got into an argument with Jane Doe, his former live-in girlfriend. The argument quickly turned physical when he pushed her to the ground, got on top of her, and put his hands around her neck. Jane Doe's roommate, John Doe, was eventually able to pull Beasley off of Ms. Doe, but the argument continued. Beasley then proceeded to strike Ms. Doe's face with a closed fist causing a laceration under her eye. Beasley left the residence, and Ms. Doe went to the Marina Police Department to report the attack. She was granted a protective order, which prohibited Beasley from coming within 100 yards of her person and her residence.

On January 14, 2015, Marina police officers observed Beasley in the front Jane Doe's residence, in violation of the protective order. Officers called out to Beasley twice to prevent him from going inside. However, he ignored the officers and walked into the residence. When officers entered Ms. Doe's residence, they saw Beasley attempting to jump out of a bathroom window. He was immediately taken into custody.

On January 26, 2015, Beasley arrived at Ms. Doe's residence, in violation of the protective order. Ms. Doe asked Beasley to leave and told him that she was going to contact the police. As she attempted to call 911, Beasley grabbed her and started to physically fight with her. At some point during the physical altercation, Beasley bit Ms. Doe on her back leaving a bite mark. John Doe was able to pull Beasley off of Jane Doe. Beasley then left the residence, only to return 15 minutes later. When Beasley returned, he attacked John Doe by striking him 3-4 times in the face with a closed fist. Marina police officers arrived on scene shortly after and arrested Beasley.

Beasley previously pled guilty to two counts of inflicting corporal injury to a cohabitant, and one count of assault by means likely to cause great bodily injury, all felony offenses. He also pled guilty to a violation of the criminal protective order and to resisting an officer, both misdemeanor offenses. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Beasley to three years of formal felony probation.

Beasley violated his formal probation by violating the criminal protective order and physically assaulting Ms. Doe on November 30, 2016. This was Beasley's second formally sustained violation of probation.