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SEASIDE RESIDENT SENTENCED TO PRISON AFTER ATTACKING NEIGHBORS WITH A METAL BAT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Hector Garcia, age 35, a resident of Seaside, has been sentenced to 3 years in prison for the crime of assaulting a person with force likely to produce great bodily injury.

On the night of June 6, 2016, the victim and his brother were taking the trash out of their apartment to the dumpsters located in the parking lot of the complex. As they made their way, they saw that Garcia was moving furniture around outside of his own apartment. Garcia saw the two men and began yelling obscenities at them. After trading insults with Garcia, the victim and his brother continued on their way to the dumpster. When the two men returned from the parking lot, they were forced to cross by Garcia's residence again. This time, Garcia exited his apartment with a red metal bat in hand and began swinging it at the two brothers. At some point during the assault, Garcia struck the victim in the foot with the bat, causing a contusion.

When officers arrived on scene, Garcia was still in his apartment and he denied that the argument with the brothers had escalated to violence and he stated that he did not even own a bat. Garcia's story was refuted by two additional witnesses who stated that they were walking home from going to the store when they saw Garcia assaulting the brothers with a red metal bat.

This marks Garcia's third felony conviction within the last 15 years. In 2003, Garcia was convicted of illegally possessing a firearm. In 2011, Garcia was convicted of possessing methamphetamine with intent to sell.

Today, Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Garcia to 3 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for his crime. This case was investigated by Seaside Police Officer Hector Huizar.