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CASTROVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Oscar Juarez Ledezma, age 37, pled guilty to first degree residential burglary and assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury.

On August 30, 2016 at 1:00 a.m., Ledezma drove to his ex-wife's house in Marina and forced his way in using a hammer. Once inside the home Ledezma attempted to make his way to the back of the house where her current husband was sleeping. His plan was to attack the current husband with the hammer. Ledezma's 17 year old son prevented him from reaching the back of the house. Ledezma told his son to let him through. When his son would not let him through he swung the hammer at him multiple times narrowly missing striking his face. His ex-wife also tried to prevent him from reaching the back of the house and he swung the hammer at her as well. Eventually, the family was able to tackle Ledezma to the ground and take the hammer away from him. He was subsequently arrested by Marina Police Officers.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver will sentence Ledezma on March 28, 2017 to 4 years in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The first degree residential burglary charge is a violent felony and constitutes a strike under California's Three Strikes Law.

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