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WATSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS FOR EVADING POLICE, FAILURE TO APPEAR, AND RESISTING ARREST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced on today's date that Jaime Ayala, age 30, was sentenced to a total term of 12 years and 8 months in the California Department of Corrections for felony evading a peace officer, two counts of failure to appear while on bail, and resisting arrest. Ayala has a prior strike conviction for residential burglary and two prior prison terms. Ayala was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On November 22, 2015 Ayala led deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office on a high speed chase through Marina and Seaside. Ayala reached speeds of 120 mph on Highway 101. Ayala struck several parked cars in a residential neighborhood in Seaside. After finally crashing his car, Ayala refused to comply with the deputies' commands and tried to run away. The deputies successfully detained Ayala following deployment of a taser.

The case was investigated by Deputies Johnathon Maiorino, Shaun Moran, and Brandon Smith of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department.