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HOLLISTER MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on March 21, Cesar Romero, age 32 of Hollister, was sentenced to two years and six months in prison for the attempted kidnapping of his girlfriend. The conviction is a “strike offense” under the Three Strikes Law.

On August 22, 2016, Romero attempted to kidnap Jane Doe, the mother of his children, from her place of work. Romero, accompanied by two of his friends, drove to Salinas and found Jane Doe working in an agricultural field with her parents. Romero angrily ordered Jane Doe to get into his vehicle. Jane Doe, frightened, did not comply. Romero then retrieved a replica handgun from his vehicle and brandished the weapon at Jane Doe and her parents. When Jane Doe still did not comply with his order to get in his vehicle, Romero pushed Doe into his car with his left hand, as he continued to hold what appeared to be a firearm in his right hand. Jane Doe’s mother immediately called 911 to report that her daughter had been taken.

Within moments, law enforcement stopped Romero’s vehicle. Jane Doe was in the vehicle and said she feared for her life and that she thought Romero intended to harm her.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Romero to a negotiated term of two years and six months in prison.

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