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SEASIDE MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Raul Lopez Jr., age 29, a resident of Seaside, was sentenced to a total term of 3 years and 8 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

On February 8, 2017, Jane Doe picked up Lopez from a Seaside motel to eat lunch together in Salinas. She and Lopez had been in a dating relationship for 3 years and had one child in common. During the drive back to Seaside from Salinas, an argument began and Lopez verbally attacked her. When she attempted to call 911, Lopez grabbed the phone out of her hand and began to drive the vehicle erratically, in attempt to frighten her. Lopez then struck her in the face. Immediately after, Lopez parked the vehicle in a nearby parking lot, and ran away from the scene with Jane Doe's cell phone.

When deputies arrived, they observed Jane Doe suffered major swelling to her forehead, and a scratch to the side of her nose. Lopez was contacted shortly after in the area of the parking lot, and arrested at that time.

On February 23, 2017, Lopez entered a plea of no contest to felony domestic violence. Lopez, who is on felony probation for felony identity theft, also admitted that his conduct violated the terms of his probation.

The case was investigated by Deputy Jeffrey Squires of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.