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FRESNO MAN FOUND GUILTY FOR ARMED ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on March 29, 2017, Eddie Criado, age 35 of Fresno, California, was convicted of armed robbery after a two day jury trial.

On August 11, 2016, Criado pulled into a closed gas station on Highway 1 in the Big Sur area with his wife, six month old child, and a male companion. Soon after, Criado and the male companion vandalized and burglarized the store and made off with numerous food items and \$100 in cash.

An employee, doubling as a night watchman during the Sobrante fires in the area, arrived minutes after the burglary and called 9-1-1. Before deputies arrived, Criado returned back to the store to steal milk. Seeing the employee now on-site, Criado threatened him with a knife, stole a bottle of coconut water since the store did not sell milk, and drove off. He was then apprehended by deputies four miles down the highway.

Criado will be sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu on May 3, 2017 and faces up to 8 years in prison.