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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR CARJACKING

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Derrieon Deshawn Nora, age 31 of Salinas, was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday after pleading guilty to the September 2016 carjacking of a 52-year-old Salinas woman.

On September 3, 2016, around 9:45 a.m., the victim was driving in the area of West Rossi Street in Salinas when Nora jumped in front of her vehicle, causing her to brake in order to avoid hitting him. Nora told the victim that he needed her car because someone was trying to kill him. He then pulled her out of the vehicle by her hair and threw her into the street before driving away in her car.

Nora immediately backed the victim's car into the car behind him, causing damage to both vehicles. He was apprehended a short distance away and identified after providing two false names to investigating officers. The victim's dog, which was inside the vehicle at the time it was stolen, was found unharmed.

Nora had attempted to open another woman's car door prior to carjacking the victim, but she drove away before he could get inside.

Nora pleaded guilty to one count of carjacking in exchange for a five-year state prison term.

Nora was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta. The cases were investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Samuel Huevo, Tyler Provost, Lek Livingston and Froylan Aranda.