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SEASIDE WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF EXHIBITING A DEADLY WEAPON AND FIGHTING IN PUBLIC

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 17, 2017, Christina Louise Fernandez, age 49, was found guilty by jury of exhibiting a deadly weapon and fighting in public. Judge Elisabeth E. Mineta presided over the trial.

The defendant shared an apartment with John Doe. Previously, John Doe received only part of the security deposit back from their landlord. On July 19, 2016, the defendant went to John Doe's car and demanded the deposit while threatening to smash his windshield via text message. John Doe met with the defendant to give her the money, but she demanded the full security deposit. He tried to explain that he would make up the difference after he got paid; however, she kned him in the pelvic area and pushed him in the throat. John Doe testified that he shoved her away in response. Then, she retrieved a knife with a six inch blade, pulled it out of its sheath, brandished it and warned, "Do you think I'm playing? You have no idea what I'm capable of."

Sentencing is scheduled for June 2, 2017. Fernandez faces a minimum sentence of one year and three months in county jail.