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JURY FINDS MONTEREY COUNTY JAIL INMATE GUILTY OF BATTERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Cory Jon Lee Lanite, age 30, a resident of Seaside, and an inmate in the Monterey County Jail, was found guilty by a jury of battery.

On April 3, 2017, Lanite led a group of four inmates in an attack on another inmate in the Monterey County Jail. At approximately 6:53 A.M. Lanite and the four inmates forced the victim out of his bunk and ordered him to leave the housing wing. Lanite waited near a secured entrance to the wing while the same four inmates escorted the victim to Lanite's location. As the victim approached the secured entrance, Lanite began repeatedly punching the victim, with the same four inmates joining in the attack. After deputies took control of the scene, Lanite disobeyed law enforcement commands to drop to the ground and attempted to hide in his bunk.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Russel D. Scott presided over the trial and scheduled sentencing for May 26, 2017. Lanite faces up to one year in jail. The four other inmates who joined in the attack have all pled guilty.

Monterey County Sheriff Deputy Munoz investigated this case.

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