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## **SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CHOMP VANDALISM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that George Cordell Hill, age 42, a resident of Seaside has been sentenced to 4 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for destroying hospital equipment during a violent outburst.

On the afternoon of August 26, 2016, Hill was being discharged as a patient from the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP), however, he refused to leave his hospital room. As staff attempted to get Hill to leave his room, he became enraged and punched the medical monitor in his room, breaking the screen. He also broke a computer monitor and telephone set in his room during his outburst. Hill claimed to police that he "lost it" because he had been trying to sleep when hospital staff had turned on the light in his room and attempted to get him to leave.

CHOMP had to spend several hundred dollars in order to repair to the damage that Hill caused to the hospital's equipment.

Today, Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Hill to 2 years in prison for felony vandalism, a term that was doubled to 4 years because in 2007 he had been convicted of gang related voluntary manslaughter, a "strike" offense.

This case was investigated by Monterey Police Department Officer Paul Oelfke.