

*** NEWS RELEASE ***

GREENFIELD WOMAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, IDENTITY THEFT AND PETTY THEFT

June 16, 2017

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONTACT: Matthew L'Heureux, Deputy District Attorney
(831) 755-5267**

District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 13 Lorena Rojas Mendoza, age 42 of Greenfield, was sentenced to three years and four months in prison on June 13 for first-degree residential burglary, identity theft, and petty theft, arising from three separate incidents in 2016.

On March 20, 2016, Mendoza was caught using a stolen debit card to make purchases at a gas station. The victim had been knocked unconscious during a robbery two days earlier, and woke up in the hospital to find his wallet had been stolen. Mendoza falsely identified herself as a relative of the victim and claimed that he had given her permission to use the card.

On June 13, 2016, Mendoza stole a UPS package off of a neighbor's porch. She was captured on the victim's private surveillance camera.

On June 27, 2016, a woman came home to find Mendoza in her attached garage, loading the victim's property into a baby stroller. She did not know Mendoza and did not give her permission to enter or take any items. Mendoza falsely claimed to have witnessed two men burglarizing the victim's home and said she was putting the items back when captured.

Mendoza was sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

The cases were investigated by Greenfield Police Department.