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SAN LUIS OBISPO MAN RECEIVES FOUR-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR ASSAULTING WAITRESS WITH STEREO

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Matthew Cesar Martinez, age 46 of San Luis Obispo, was sentenced to four years in state prison after violating the terms and conditions of probation on a charge of committing assault with a deadly weapon.

On October 6, 2015, a waitress at a King City restaurant told an intoxicated Martinez that she would no longer serve him alcohol. Martinez threw a large stereo at the waitress, striking her in the back and causing bruising. He also told her he would come back to the restaurant and shoot her.

When a responding officer arrived, Martinez said he had no problem killing a police officer and threatened to behead him with a machete. He also threatened to cut off the head of a nurse who treated him in the jail. During an interview with the Monterey County Probation Department, Martinez also made threats to the probation officer.

After being placed on felony probation, Martinez failed to report to the Probation Department as directed. He was also convicted of a new misdemeanor out of Los Angeles County.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Martinez to the upper term of four years in state prison based on the seriousness of the conduct and the defendant's prior criminal history.