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SAN JOSE MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Richard Anthony Sanchez, age 48 and Daniel Ray Ramos, age 32, pled guilty to First Degree Residential Robbery and Evading a Peace Officer.

On October 10, 2016 Sanchez arranged to meet with the victim at the Motel 6 in Salinas and was driven to the location by Ramos. When Sanchez arrived at the hotel room he knocked on the door. He and the victim engaged in a short conversation. The victim had turned her back on Sanchez and when turning back around, found that he had put a gun to her head. He told her to give him all her jewelry and then lay down on the bed. He pointed the gun at her while he went through all her belongings. He threatened to shoot her, her friend and her dogs if she did anything other than what he commanded her to do. Sanchez stole her laptop, her tablet, about \$6 in cash and a few pieces of jewelry. He then commanded that she move to the bed farthest from the door and wait 15 minutes before she got up. Sanchez then fled.

The victim was able to track the defendant's location after the crime through her stolen tablet. She went to that location and saw Sanchez and Ramos in a car together. She immediately called 911. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle Sanchez and Ramos were in but they failed to yield. A high-speed pursuit ensued during which time Sanchez threw items out of the car, including a gun. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 116 mph and lasted 93.8 miles. It ended when Ramos crashed the vehicle into a guardrail. The victim's tablet and cell phone were recovered in the vehicle Ramos and Sanchez were in.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver will sentence Sanchez on September 12, 2017 to 7 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Ramos was sentenced on August 22, 2017 to 6 years 8 months in the CDCR, with execution of that sentence suspended for 3 years and was placed on felony probation.

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