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WATSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING DRUGS INTO MONTEREY COUNTY JAIL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Carlos Lopez Pacheco, age 39 of Watsonville, was sentenced to 32 months in state prison yesterday for secreting marijuana and cigarettes on his person in an attempt to bring them into Monterey County Jail.

On July 31, 2017, Pacheco turned himself in to the Monterey County Jail to serve a relatively short sentence, for which he would have ordinarily been eligible for home confinement or other custodial alternatives. This drew the suspicion of deputies, who searched Pacheco and discovered the smuggled contraband.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Pacheco to a term of 16 months in prison, which was doubled to 32 months pursuant to the Three Strikes Law. Pacheco had two prior strikes from 2010 for making a criminal threat and dissuading a witness.

The case was investigated by Deputy David Gonzalez of Monterey County Sheriff's Office.