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SAN JOSE MAN SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS PRISON FOR FIRST DEGREE RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on September 12, 2017 Richard Anthony Sanchez, age 48 was sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to first degree residential robbery and admitting a prior violent felony conviction.

On October 10, 2016 Sanchez arranged to meet with the victim at the Motel 6 in Salinas. Sanchez was driven to the location by Ramos. When Sanchez arrived at the hotel room he knocked on the door. Sanchez and the victim engaged in short amount of conversation. The victim turned her back and when she turned back around Sanchez put a gun to her head. He told her to get 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 and 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. She went to that location and located Sanchez and Ramos, in a car together. 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.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department

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