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Man Sentenced to Prison for Breaking into BMW with the Intent to Steal

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jorge Daniel Jimenez-Matute, age 22, a resident of San Jose, was sentenced to serve 32 months in the California Department of Corrections for committing the crime of burglary.

At 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2017, Gonzales police officers responded to a report of a man seen stumbling near a BMW, holding several alcoholic beverages. The reporting party was concerned that the man might attempt to drive the car. Upon arrival officers saw Jimenez-Matute sitting in the driver's seat of the BMW. When officers approached, Jimenez Matute jumped into the back seat of the car and attempted to climb out of a broken rear passenger window. Jimenez-Matute initially claimed that he broke the window of the BMW because he forgot his key, however, he eventually admitted to breaking into the car after being confronted with the true owner's statement that she did not know Jimenez-Matute and he did not have permission to be in the car. Jimenez-Matute claimed that he broke into the car in order to use it to charge the battery in his own car which had died; his own car was found 50 yards away from the BMW.

Today, the Honorable Carrie M. Panetta sentenced the Defendant to 16 months in prison for his crime. That sentence was doubled to 32 months in prison, because Jimenez-Matute admitted he had a prior "strike" offense for carjacking.

This case was investigated by Officers Abel Gomez and Santiago Melgoza of the Gonzales Police Department.