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SAND CITY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR HOLDING KNIFE AGAINST GIRLFRIEND'S THROAT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 10, Erick Edward Fresh, age 27, a resident of Sand City, was sentenced to serve 2 years in prison for assault on his girlfriend with a knife.

On September 17, 2017, police officers responded to a 911 call in which the victim reported that her boyfriend, Erick Fresh, had threatened her with a knife. The victim reported that Fresh had been drinking that evening and had become increasingly agitated to the point that he started to yell at himself in the mirror. Fresh later became enraged when the victim told him to quiet down so that the neighbors would not be disturbed. Fresh then began to yell racial slurs at the victim and held a 2-inch foldable knife to her throat for several minutes. Fortunately, the victim escaped the incident uninjured.

On December 6, 2017, Fresh pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. This constitutes a "strike" offense under California's Three Strikes law, that will serve to double any future prison sentence that is imposed because of a subsequent serious or violent felony.

Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Fresh to 2 years in prison for his crime and issued a criminal protective order that requires Fresh to stay away from the victim and have no contact with her for 3 years.

This case was investigated by Monterey Police Officer Kevin Seaver.