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## **MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING AT A CAR ON HIGHWAY 101**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Judge Andrew Liu sentenced Kelvin Figueroa to fifteen years, four months' imprisonment in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for shooting at a car. On February 8, 2018, a Monterey County jury found him guilty of attempted voluntary manslaughter, assault with a firearm on Victim 1 with a true finding for an enhancement for personally using a firearm, a second assault with a firearm upon Victim 2 with a true finding of an enhancement, personally using a firearm, and shooting at an occupied motor vehicle while personally using a deadly weapon.

On October 18, 2017, at about 2:45pm, Victim 1 picked up Victim 2 at an address in Prunedale after meeting her on a dating website the day before. As he pulled up to the house he saw a car with the defendant sitting in the driver's seat in the driveway. Victim 2 walked past that car and got into Victim 1's car on the passenger side.

As they drove off towards Highway 101, he noticed the same car he had seen in the driveway weaving in and out of traffic and coming towards them at a high rate of speed. Victim 1 looked over his right shoulder and saw the defendant point a black handgun out the driver's side window of his car, just before he heard a gunshot. The round entered the back window of his car and exited the front, driver's side window, striking the bill of the baseball cap he wore on his head. Victim 2 identified Figueroa as the shooter and told Officer Bartholome that he kept a black handgun with a large amount of ammo with him at all times.

On January 22, 2018, data was extracted from the cell phone the defendant had on his person when he was eventually arrested. A photo of a .40 caliber black handgun surrounded by several rounds of live ammunition was found.

Sergeant Bryan Hoskins of the MCSO served as the investigating officer. California Highway Patrol Officer Wade Bartholome, Deputy Justin Holloway and Supervising Forensic Tech Victor Lurz from MCSO, Sergeant Pete Zuniga of the Riesel, Texas, Police Department, and Erik Morris, Jorge Gutierrez, and Natalie Dill of the District Attorney's Office assisted with the investigation.