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SAN JOSE MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON FOR SIX YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Devin Towner, age 19, of San Jose, to six years in state prison for a felony count of robbery and a firearm enhancement for using a firearm during the robbery.

Towner pled no contest to the robbery and admitted a firearm enhancement based on the following facts.

On July 9, 2017, the victim responded to an advertisement for the sale of an iPhone on a cellphone application. Towner had posted the advertisement and arranged to meet the victim at a location in Salinas to sell him the iPhone. After the victim arrived, Towner pointed a handgun at him and demanded his money. The victim handed Towner the \$160 he brought with him to purchase the iPhone.

The robbery and firearm enhancement make this offense a violent strike under California's Three Strikes Sentencing Law.

Officers Luis Toribio and Froylan Aranda of the Salinas Police Department, as well as District Attorney Investigator Oliver Minnig conducted the investigation.