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KING CITY MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN STATE PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Giovanni Velasquez, age 23, of King City, to five years in state prison for a felony violation of domestic violence and an enhancement for personally inflicting great bodily injury on his wife.

On the evening of February 20, 2018, Velasquez stabbed his wife in the hand and leg several times after an argument. He fled the scene in a car driven by his friend and threw the knife he used out the window. King City police officers recovered the knife on the South First Street Bridge early the next morning.

The great bodily injury enhancement makes this offense a violent strike under California's Three Strikes Sentencing Law.

Austin Veteto, Jose Perez, Joseph Andriola, and Jace Bernal of the King City Police Department, as well as Officer Brock Veilette of the King City California Highway Patrol assisted with the investigation.