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## **SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT, BATTERY ON POLICE, AND DUIs**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on September 26, 2018, Armando Armenta, age 40, was sentenced to two years in county jail and five years of formal supervised probation for multiple offenses including false imprisonment, battery on a police officer and driving under the influence. He had previously been sentenced to 360 days in county jail for violating his probation due to these offenses. Judge Vazquez presided.

On July 28, 2015, Armenta, who was on probation for two domestic violence offenses and had been ordered to stay away from the victim, went to the victim's residence. When the victim's sister confronted him in the yard, he punched her in the face. When Salinas police officers responded to the scene, Armenta struggled and fought with them, resulting in minor wounds to the officers. Armenta absconded from court for nearly three years.

On May 26, 2018, Armenta's girlfriend called police and reported that he had been drinking and had just driven away. He was later stopped by Seaside Police and arrested for driving under the influence. While he was being booked into county jail, he shoulder-checked a Seaside police officer into a wall.

On May 31, 2018, Armenta was intoxicated and sitting in his vehicle when he asked a young passerby for a cigarette. The passerby and Armenta engaged in a friendly chat and Armenta asked the youth to sit in his vehicle and talk. Inadvisably, the victim did so, and Armenta locked the doors and started driving away despite the victim's protests. The victim was eventually able to open the door and jumped out of the vehicle while it was traveling approximately 25 miles per hour. Armenta was later found driving aimlessly in a parking lot by Seaside police officers.

Seaside Police Officers Incaviglia and Crivello and Salinas Police Officer Livingston investigated these crimes.

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