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CASTROVILLE GANG MEMBER ENTERS NO CONTEST PLEA TO ROBBERY OF NICK'S HIGHWAY MARKET AND BURGLARY OF MARINA CLUB

People v. Vincent Jaquez

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on August 26, Vincent Jaquez, age 27, pled no contest to robbery of Nick's Highway Market and to personal use of a firearm during the commission of the robbery. Jaquez also pled no contest to burglary of the Marina Club. He further admitted that the burglary was committed for the benefit of the Norteno Criminal Street Gang. The pleas constitute two strikes for the purposes of California's Three Strikes sentencing laws.

On June 21, 2018, Jaquez along with two co-conspirators stormed into Nick's Highway Market in the City of Castroville with guns drawn. The three suspects concealed their identities by wearing hooded sweatshirts, pants, gloves and ski masks. Jaquez pistol whipped a customer before stealing over \$60,000 cash and California Lottery tickets.

The Lottery tickets were reported stolen and inquiries with the California Lottery revealed that the tickets were cashed at two different locations within the City of Salinas. Camera footage revealed Jaquez in possession of the stolen tickets at each location.

On May 29, 2019, Jaquez along with two North Side Castroville Norteno Gang members used crowbars to break into the front entrance of the Marina Club card parlor in the City of Marina. An ATM was stolen from the business. Camera footage showed the burglars entering the business after hours, with their identities concealed by hooded jackets, pants, gloves and masks. Jaquez was later observed abandoning the getaway vehicle that had been stolen the night before from William's Roofing yard in Castroville.

Judge Andrew G. Liu will preside over sentencing on September 27, 2019. Jaquez will be sentenced to 14 years in the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. The cases were investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Detectives Arras Wilson, Jesse Pinon with the assistance of California Lottery Investigator Duskin Franz.