

MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Robbery Arrest

On October 16, 2021, at approximately 8:01 p.m., Monterey Police officers were dispatched to a motel in the 2100 block of North Fremont regarding a robbery. Upon arrival, officers located the victim handcuffed to a fixture in the bathroom.

The victim related he met the suspect through a social media app and the two went to the victim's motel room. The suspect, later identified as Gregory Hernandez, 34, of Hollister, robbed the victim at gunpoint and handcuffed him to a fixture in the bathroom.

Hernandez stole the victim's property and vehicle and fled the scene. Several hours later, the victim was able to call for help. Officers tracked Hernandez to a business in the City of Salinas. Salinas Police officers located Hernandez and arrested him without incident.

Hernandez was in possession of a BB gun, a stun gun, the victim's property, a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia. The victim's vehicle and property were returned to the victim.

Hernandez was transported to the Monterey County Jail and booked on the following charges: Penal Codes – 211 – Robbery, 530.5(c)(3) – Possession of personal identifying information of 10 or more persons, 484(g) – Theft by access card, 22610(a) – Felon in possession of a stun gun, 459 – Burglary. He was additionally charged with Health and Safety Code violations – 11350(a) – Possession of a controlled substance, 11377(a) – Possession of a controlled substance, 11364(a) – Possession of drug paraphernalia, and California Vehicle Code 10851(a) – Stolen vehicle. His bail was set at \$65,000.

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