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LUIS ROBERT GARCIA SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON

Luis Robert Garcia was charged with possession of a stolen pickup truck on July 15, 2019. He pled guilty to a felony violation of possession of a stolen vehicle and admitted that he had a prior “strike” conviction for an agreed-upon state prison sentence of four years. He was sentenced on August 16, 2019.

On August 23, 2019, while the defendant was still at the Madera County Department of Corrections awaiting transport to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (state prison system), MDOC officers observed that the defendant had some sort of weapon in his hand. MDOC officers had been escorting the defendant to a visit when the weapon was discovered. The visit was cancelled and the weapon, a razor blade, was located.

The defendant pled guilty to a felony violation of possession of a weapon by an inmate and admitted his prior “strike” conviction. He was sentenced to serve four years in state prison. This sentence runs fully and consecutively to his sentence for possession of a stolen vehicle.

When crimes are committed by inmates being housed in the state prisons and the county jail located within Madera County, the cases are referred to the Madera County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution. Common offenses include possession of contraband by inmates (weapons and/or drugs) as well as assaults by inmates on either guards or other inmates.