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Emerson Rodriguez Sentenced to Five Years for Robbery with a Deadly Weapon

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced that Emerson Rodriguez, 23, was sentenced to five years in State Prison for convictions stemming from robbing a Supermarket in Watsonville, CA with a deadly weapon in May of 2015. Rodriguez attempted to stab a store employee with a pair of scissors while trying to leave without paying for an 18-pack of beer. On November 9, 2015, he was found guilty at a jury trial of robbery with a deadly weapon.

Emerson Rodriguez has a significant criminal history, including prior felony convictions for auto theft, burglary, possession of stolen items, and illegal weapons possession. Prosecutors urged the judge for a higher sentence. Assistant District Attorney Peinado said, "This individual has demonstrated an ongoing propensity to commit crime, and a willingness to employ violence in doing so. Santa Cruz County will be a safer place while he serves his sentence."