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El Monte Man Pleads Guilty to Attempted Grand Theft

- Sentenced to two years in prison, parole and fines.

By PAM MURANO

(June 1, 2005) An El Monte man who was arrested at Metro Headquarters on charges of attempted grand theft and insurance fraud, May 11, has pled guilty in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Eddie Dominguez, 49, alleged that he was injured while riding a Metro Bus in December 2004. Metro's Special Investigation Unit studied videotapes taken from the bus and concluded that no injury had occurred.

Investigator Roy Romero determined that the injuries Dominguez claimed he suffered on the bus were actually multiple stab wounds he sustained on Feb. 11, 2004.

Dominguez pled guilty, May 25, to attempted grand theft, a felony. In exchange for his plea, the charges for insurance fraud were dismissed.

Dominguez was ordered to serve two years in state prison and serve up to three years on parole upon his release. He was ordered to pay approximately \$500 in court fines and \$3,200 in restitution to Metro for the cost of the investigation.

Dominguez waived his right to a formal sentencing hearing and his sentence began immediately.