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**RIVERSIDE MAN SENTENCED FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A  
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER WHO WAS STABBED IN THE EYE**

**RIVERSIDE** – A Riverside man was sentenced today, July 31, 2015, for the attempted murder of a California Highway Patrol officer who was stabbed in the eye as he kept the man from possibly jumping from a freeway overpass.

Javier Hernandez, DOB: 1-20-67, was sentenced to 18 years to life by Riverside County Superior Court Michelle Levine.

On Oct. 25, 2012, CHP Officer Dane Norem responded to a call of a possibly suicidal man on the La Sierra Avenue overpass above the 91 freeway. The man, later identified as Javier Hernandez, spotted the patrol car and climbed onto the overpass fence. Norem, believing that the man could continue to climb over and then jump to the freeway below -- potentially killing himself and endangering freeway motorists -- grabbed the man's leg in an effort to prevent that from happening.

Hernandez had a knife and then slashed or stabbed the officer numerous times, including a stab wound to his right eye which blinded him. Norem continued to hold onto the man so he couldn't climb over the fence until several passersby stopped to help. Hernandez was ultimately taken into custody.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office filed numerous charges against Hernandez, including attempted murder with the enhancement that the victim is a peace officer. On March 11, 2015, a Superior Court jury found Hernandez guilty of several felonies but hung on the attempted murder count. The DA's Office retried that charge and, on June 26, 2015, another jury found Hernandez guilty of that count.

The case, RIF1208889, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Lough of the DA's Major Crimes Division.

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