

Grafitti

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vandal gets 7 months

■ The Santa Cruz man's 'tag' is an attack on cops, and a prosecutor describes him as incorrigible.

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A convicted graffiti vandal whose "tag" was a defiant attack on law enforcement was sentenced to seven months in jail by a judge in Santa Cruz on Thursday.

Michael Pacifico Carrillo, 21, of Santa Cruz, was found guilty of felony vandalism by a jury in June. He was convicted of doing an estimated \$20,000 damage to railroad cars and buildings at the RMC Lonestar cement plant in Davenport in September 1992.

Assistant District Attorney Peter Morgan, who told the judge he thought Carrillo was incorrigible and belongs in state prison, said the young man's signature tag was "FTL," the first initials of an obscenity and "the law."

'Pure maliciousness'

"In my years here, I have never seen a more disturbing case," Morgan told Municipal Court Judge Robert Attack. "The defendant behaved out of pure maliciousness. . . . This is simply an act of evil."

Morgan said that during the jury trial, an album of photographs of Carrillo's tag, including some on the railroad cars, was introduced into evidence.

He said the tag has been spray-painted throughout Santa Cruz County and even over the hill on a building near Lexington Reservoir, near Los Gatos.

Despite Morgan's plea, Attack sentenced Carrillo to 210 days in county jail and ordered him to perform 500 hours of community service, to stay away from taggers and spray paint and to make restitution. The amount of restitution will be determined at a hearing in September.

Grafitti on police car

Morgan said Carrillo had been on probation once before — for head-butting a Capitola police officer attempting to subdue loud guests at a party. After being arrested for assaulting the officer, the prosecutor said, Carrillo used blood from his own nose, injured when he butted the officer, to write his tag on the patrol car.

Carrillo also gave Nazi salutes to police officers, he said, and referred to them as pigs.

"I doubt very much whether probation is going to have any effect on this man," Morgan said.