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Crime and Criminals- Graffiti Graffiti vandal tagged with \$1,983 fine

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SANTA CRUZ — Convicted graffiti vandal Michael Pacifico Carrillo must pay \$1,983 in damages to RMC Lonestar as a result of his conviction June 25.

Judge Robert Atack set the amount during a hearing Monday.

Carrillo is a Live Oak resident whose tag of "FTL" was an obscene insult directed toward law enforcement. That tag and others were found at the RMC

Lonestar cement plant in Davenport.

He is currently serving a 210-day jail sentence for the felony conviction.

The dollar damage to graffiti-marred Southern Pacific Railroad cars could not be determined because the cars have since been dispersed to various parts of the country, Assistant District Attorney Peter Morgan said.

Damage to the cars was estimated at less than \$20,000.

According to Morgan, Carrillo has since admitted having an alcohol and drug problem, and has taken responsibility for the vandalism.

During his trial he denied the charges.

Carrillo presented the court with evidence he has been attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and asked to be released from jail early to help his family with business matters, Morgan said.

Atack denied the request, saying the offense was too serious for him to be released at this time.

"I doubt his sincerity," Morgan said. "We'll see. He certainly has his probationary period to prove himself, and given his demeanor toward law enforcement in recent past, it seems a little early for him to make such a recent turnaround.

"Then again, it might show to those who doubt that incarceration has any effect on anyone that Mr. Carrillo might be an example, otherwise."