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BANDLEADER PLEADS GUILTY TO MENACING

A man accused of pulling a gun and threatening a member of his band has pleaded guilty in connection with the case.

Alvaro Alvarado-Amarias (dob: 02-11-76) pleaded guilty today to *menacing*, a class 5 felony. In exchange for his guilty plea, other charges of assault and false imprisonment were dismissed.

Alvarado-Amarias is the leader of a popular mariachi band and is known by the name Leonardo Berrelleza. He was accused of assaulting a band member earlier in January after learning he was quitting the band.

Alvarado-Amarias faces up to three years in prison when he is sentenced on May 13, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 17.