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BANDLEADER SENTENCED IN MENACING CASE

A man who pleaded guilty to pulling a gun and threatening a member of his band has been sentenced today.

Alvaro Alvarado-Amarias (dob: 02-11-76) was given a 3-year prison term that was suspended if he successfully completes 3 years on probation including substance abuse treatment and anger management. He had pleaded guilty earlier 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 the victim was quitting the band.