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Standoff leads to prison term

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FULLERTON — A man who barricaded himself in a Brea apartment, then randomly fired bullets during a six-hour standoff with police, was sentenced Thursday to 16 months in state prison.

The attorney for Hector Garcia Walters, 43, had asked the judge to impose a lesser term at the Orange County Jail because Walters was reportedly high on prescription and illegal drugs during the standoff May 24.

Deputy District Attorney Nat Glover told North Orange County Municipal Court Judge Carla M.

Singer that Walters was unrepentant about the encounter.

"But for the grace of God somebody wasn't injured or killed," Glover said later in an interview.

Walters had pleaded guilty to vandalism and a weapons offense after firing at least 50 rounds of ammunition from 5 to 11:15 p.m. from his Raintree Apartments unit.

The standoff ended after police detonated a distraction grenade outside Walters' apartment door, then went inside. Another grenade was used to blow out a bedroom door, behind which he was barricaded.

Professor Nat Glover