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**SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS  
IN PRISON FOR RAPING DEVELOPMENTALLY  
DELAYED ADULT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Bruce Joseph Clemmons, age 54, a resident of Seaside, was sentenced to twelve years in prison for raping a developmentally delayed adult and for having a prior strike conviction under the Three Strikes Law. The defendant was sentenced to the prison term by the Honorable Larry E. Hayes.

On October 9, 2007, Seaside Police responded to a 911 call from the guardian of a twenty seven year old developmentally delayed female. During the call the guardian informed dispatchers she believed Mr. Clemmons, the guardian's boyfriend, may have engaged in sexual contact with her developmentally delayed niece. The police attempted to question the victim but it was apparent to the police that the victim had developmental issues. The victim was able to tell the police Mr. Clemmons had several sexual contacts with her. Clemmons was arrested and admitted to having sexual contact with the victim, including intercourse. He also admitted knowing of the victim's developmental issues. Mr. Clemmons had recently been released from federal prison after serving a sentence for bank robbery.

The rape conviction is a "Strike" under California's Three Strike Law. The conviction will also require Clemmons to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The case was investigated by Detective Martin of the Seaside Police Department.