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MONTEREY DOCTOR SENTENCED FOR STALKING AND VANDALISM

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Mary Kay Brewster, age 58 of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Mark E. Hood to felony probation. The defense requested that the court reduce her three felony convictions to misdemeanors. The Court rejected that motion, leaving one conviction of stalking and a vandalism conviction as felonies. The court reduced a second stalking conviction to a misdemeanor. The defendant, who is a local obstetrician and gynecologist, was sentenced to three years of felony probation, ordered to serve 180 days in county jail, and ordered to stay away from both victims for a period of 10 years.

The first count of stalking began after the defendant and her husband separated amid allegations of infidelity. The defendant began a pattern of harassment which included entering his workplace and destroying property, sending thousands of harassing and profane text messages, calling his cellphone repeatedly throughout the night, and defacing his mail with obscene writing. The defendant also vandalized the victim's car, poisoned his plants, physically assaulted him, and repeatedly threatened to inform his children and mother of vile stories about him.

The defendant perpetrated felony vandalism against a second victim, Jane Doe. The defendant poured acid on Jane Doe's mailbox, and poisoned her lawn, garden plants and trees killing thousands of dollars' worth of landscaping. Dr. Brewster was caught on video coming to the victim's home at 4:30 a.m. The defendant was seen carrying plant poison, crawling under the victim's car, and was seen to try to open the gas cap of the victim's car.

The stalking culminated when the defendant broke into her husband's home while he was away on a trip. She went in through a window to the victims' bedroom and released three rats purchased at a Salinas pet store along with food for them. She also released into the room a 3 to 4 foot long ball python. The defendant was aware that her husband has a phobia of snakes, and intended for him to return to his home and discover this snake and the remains of the rats living in his bedroom.

Dr. Brewster's scheme was interrupted when a woman who was watering the plants for the victim spotted the rats living in his bed. She noticed other items displaced and called the Sheriff's Department. While the Deputy was collecting the rats, the woman noticed the snake hanging from the shutters in the victim's bedroom. She screamed and fled the residence.

The victim was traumatized after learning the snake was found in his bedroom and did not stay in his home for over a week after having the home searched for other things possibly left by the defendant.

The case was initially investigated by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Monterey Police Department. Follow up investigation was led by District Attorney Investigator Christine Gunter.