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KING CITY MAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSING METH FOR SALE OUT OF VACANT APARTMENT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Abelino Bonilla, 47, of King City was convicted after a 3 day jury trial before the Honorable Judge Andrew Liu for possession for sale of controlled substance and trespass into a dwelling.

On January 6, 2016, Officers Elias and Steven Orozco were on patrol in King City. They had been told by an apartment complex property manager that apartments were being broken into, vandalized and used for criminal activity.

The Officers entered an apartment after stopping someone who jumped out of a back window. Inside and behind a locked bathroom door they found Bonilla. Bonilla and his property were removed from the apartment. Officers found a small methamphetamine bindle in a cigarette container that Bonilla admitted was his. In his right front pocket Officers discovered a small baggie with 5 individual bindles of methamphetamine wrapped in a grocery bag-type material.

Bonilla was taken back to King City Police Department where he was questioned by Officer Steven Orozco. Initially, Bonilla told the officer he possessed the methamphetamine only for personal use. Upon further questioning Bonilla finally admitted he sold methamphetamine for money and to buy more drugs.

The case was investigated by Officer Elias Orozco, Steven Orozco and Sergeant Jose Perez of the King City Police Department. Bonilla will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Andrew Lew on August 17, 2016. The Defendant faces 3 years and 6 months in prison housed in the county jail.