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## **SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF HIS SECOND DUI OFFENSE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that William Travis Ellington, age 25 and a resident of Salinas, was found guilty by jury of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or more. This was Ellington's second DUI conviction.

On March 1, 2016, Ellington drove his motorcycle southbound on Lighthouse Avenue, just past Private Bolio Road, when he took too wide of a turn and collided with the curb on Lighthouse Avenue. He subsequently drove onto the sidewalk and then onto the grass area. He was ejected from the motorcycle and sustained injuries. Officer J. Pinkas from the Monterey Police Department arrived on scene about ten minutes after the collision and saw Ellington seated on the stone wall along the sidewalk of Lighthouse Avenue, about ten feet from the motorcycle. Ellington submitted to a blood test which showed that his blood alcohol level was .15 percent, almost twice the legal limit.

The case was investigated by Officers J. Pinkas and L. Mosqueda from the Monterey Police Department.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey sentenced Ellington to 75 days in jail and five years of probation. He was ordered to install a breathalyzer in any vehicle he drives for a period of two years, which requires him to blow into a mouthpiece on the device before starting the vehicle. Ellington was also found to be in violation of his probation in his prior DUI case, which occurred in October 2014.

This case was presented by members of the District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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