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KING CITY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN CHARGE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Tomas James Garcia, Jr., age 25, pled guilty to the charge of felon in possession of a firearm, admitted a prior strike conviction, as well as having served a prior prison sentence.

On April 13, 2016, King City police officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Garcia was driving. A search of his vehicle resulted in officers locating a shotgun loaded with 5 buckshot rounds. Garcia, who had an active warrant for his arrest, was previously convicted of residential burglary in 2013 which precluded him from owning or possessing any firearm.

On October 5, 2016, Judge Pamela L. Butler will sentence Garcia to a term of 5 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. .

The case was investigated by King City Police Officers Elias Orozco and Joshue Partida.