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CARMEL MAN FOUND GUILTY OF RESISTING ARREST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on September 21, 2016, Clynden Clarke, age 59, was found guilty by jury of resisting arrest. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey.

On June 15, 2016, at approximately 1:35 p.m., an anonymous caller reported a DUI driver on Highway 1 exiting to the Home Depot. A sergeant from the Seaside Police Department responded and within moments, located the DUI suspect, Clynden Clarke, exiting the Home Depot. The officer informed Clarke he was a DUI suspect, and that he needed to stay and answer some questions. The visibly intoxicated Clarke refused to comply with officer directives, yelled and swore at the officers, and prepared to drive away. The officers, concerned about the public safety risk, attempted to arrest Clarke. Clarke became combative and physically resisted officers' efforts to subdue him.

Clarke was transported to the Seaside Police Department's holding cell. While being examined by paramedics and firefighters, Clarke stood, clenched his fists, flexed his muscles, and appeared to be preparing to assault one of the paramedics. When an officer reached out to protect the medic, Clarke instead struck the officer's arm.

Clarke was sentenced by Judge Hulsey to three years of probation and will serve forty days in the county jail.

The case was investigated by Sergeant Manuel Fernandez of the Seaside Police Department.

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