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## **SAN JOSE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION FOR SALE OF MARIJUANA AND FIREARM OFFENSES**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jeffrey Dearman, age 45, was found guilty by a jury of felony possession for sales of marijuana and having a loaded shotgun and loaded rifle in a vehicle, in violation of the Fish and Game Code. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On January 10, 2016, Dearman was on Tassajara Road in the area of Chew's Ridge. He approached some Wardens from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to ask about road conditions. The Wardens went to Dearman's vehicle to inspect his hunting licenses and weapons and found a loaded shotgun and loaded rifle lying in the back of his van. They also noticed the strong odor of marijuana coming from the van. Upon further inspection, they found several bags and glass jars full of marijuana in a storage bin in the back of the van. The total weight of the marijuana was over 3 pounds.

Dearman is scheduled to be sentenced on November 2, 2016. He faces a maximum of 3 years in state prison. The case was investigated by Fish and Wildlife Wardens Matthew Henderson and Edward Walker.