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## **MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULTING A WOMAN AND BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A GUN**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on November 9, 2016, Brian Richard Knab, age 33, pled guilty to assaulting a woman with force likely to cause great bodily injury and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Knab admitted that he has a prior strike conviction for committing first degree burglary in 2012 and that he has served a prior prison sentence.

On September 21, 2015, at around 1:20 a.m., Knab broke into an inn in Carmel. He approached an employee and demanded that she tell him the location of the inn's safe. When the employee told him she did not have access to the safe, he fled the scene. The employee reported to officers that Knab had a crowbar in his hand and a black handgun in his waistband when he confronted her.

Deputy Romero, of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, was responding to the call for help from the inn when he saw a gold Toyota SUV leaving the area of the break-in at a high rate of speed. Deputy Romero told his colleague, Deputy Wilhite, what he had seen. Deputy Wilhite recalled that Knab, who had been involved in another recent burglary, drove a vehicle that matched the description provided by Deputy Romero. Deputy Wilhite put together a photographic line-up that included Knab's picture, and the employee positively identified Knab as the person who had broken into the inn.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator Ben Draeger and deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler will sentence Knab on November 18, 2016 to two years and four months to be served in state prison consecutive to the nine years and four month prison sentence Knab is currently serving.

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