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## **MONTEREY MAN SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL FOR SELLING DRUGS, BEING IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, COMMITTING GRAND THEFT, AND FAILING TO APPEAR FOR COURT**

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on November 9, 2016, Ronald Charles Johnson, age 53, was sentenced to three years in county jail and two years on mandatory supervision for selling methamphetamine, being in possession of stolen property, committing grand theft from a person, and failing to appear at a previously scheduled court hearing.

On March 1, 2016, detectives from the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team conducted a probation search of Johnson's residence, and discovered 28 empty plastic zip-lock bags, three methamphetamine smoking pipes, a digital scale, a total of 18.7 grams of methamphetamine, 6.4 grams of marijuana, and a Hydrocodone prescription pill tablet.

On April 28, 2016, detectives from the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team conducted a probation search of Johnson's residence and vehicle which was parked in his driveway. The officers found that Johnson was in possession of a high end bicycle valued at over \$9,000 which had previously been reported stolen.

On June 28, 2016, Johnson was observed on surveillance video stealing a personal cellular phone valued at over \$950 from an employee at the AT&T store at the Del Monte Shopping Center. The case was investigated by officers from the Monterey Police Department.

On July 22, 2016, Johnson failed to appear in court for a previously scheduled hearing.