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**GREENFIELD FELON SENTENCED TO  
PRISON FOR FIREARM POSSESSION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Ruben Rojas Franco, age 32, a resident of Greenfield, has been sentenced to prison for the crime of possessing a firearm, after previously having been convicted of a felony.

On the morning of October 29 of this year, Franco was pulled over for speeding on US 101 North in the area of Soledad Prison by California Highway Patrol Officer K. Clissold. During the course of his investigation, Officer Clissold learned that Franco was driving on a suspended license and that he had no proof of insurance.

An inventory search of Franco's car took place prior to his car being impounded and, at that time, CHP officers discovered a black backpack on the backseat that contained a loaded Browning .22 caliber handgun. It was a felony for Franco to possess the handgun, because he had previously been convicted of a felony in November of 2013.

Today, the Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Franco to 2 years in prison for his conduct.

This case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officers K. Clissold, Juan Navarro, and Joseph Salas.