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“CUPCAKE” ROBBER SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN YEARS FOR MULTIPLE ROBBERIES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Bobby Knight, age 61, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced to fourteen years in prison by Judge Carrie Panetta. Knight had previously entered no contest pleas on November 15, 2016 to each of the six robberies he was charged with committing in Monterey County.

Knight committed his string of robberies beginning in April 2015. He would go into small businesses with what appeared to be a firearm and demand money. The “firearm” turned out to be a replica. He was given various nicknames in the press due to his penchant for robbing dessert type businesses including See’s Candies, Room for Dessert, Kara’s Cupcakes and Baskin Robbins. He also robbed Subway and Mattress Nation.

It was his robbery of Mattress Nation that led to his capture when he accidentally dropped his cell phone while posing as a customer and laying down on a mattress. Law enforcement was able to determine who he was and apprehend him. A search warrant found items which various victims had been able to describe and identify him.

Knight will have to serve 85% of his 14 years since robbery is considered a violent felony in California. Additionally, Knight is still facing robbery charges in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.