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SOLEDAD FELON FOUND GUILTY ON 10 COUNTS OF FIREARM, AMMUNITION, AND DRUG CHARGES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Robert Bagwell of Soledad, age 44, was found guilty by a jury of possession of a loaded firearm with a controlled substance, several counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, possession of deadly weapons, and possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia.

On May 23, 2015 officers from the Soledad Police Department served a search warrant at Bagwell's residence. Officers located methamphetamine and a methamphetamine pipe on the nightstand by Bagwell's bed. Next to the nightstand, officers found a police Billy Club. Officers also found numerous marijuana plants growing inside the house and the backyard. Rifle ammunition was located in a shed in the backyard and a single shotgun shell was found in Bagwell's home.

Additionally, on December 15, 2015 an officer from the Soledad Police Department was conducting an investigation that led him to search Bagwell's backyard. While in the backyard, the officer saw a sawed-off shotgun through an open window. The officer knew Bagwell was a felon and was prohibited from possessing firearms, so he obtained a search warrant. Bagwell was found barricaded inside his bathroom and was safely removed by the Monterey County Sheriff's SWAT team. Officers from the Soledad Police Department located a loaded shotgun, a loaded handgun, and a sawed-off shotgun in Bagwell's home. They also found numerous different kinds of ammunition all over the house, as well as methamphetamine.

Bagwell is scheduled to be sentenced on February 22, 2017. He faces a maximum of 7 years and 4 months in the California Department of Corrections. The case was investigated by the Soledad Police Department.