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## **TRANSIENT MAN CONVICTED OF COMMITTING LEWD ACTS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Kyle Gray, age 33, a Monterey County transient, was found guilty by jury of two counts of committing lewd acts on a 15 year old child.

The incident occurred December 13, 2016 at Starbucks in downtown Monterey. The 15 year old victim was approached by Gray and after asking her age, Gray attempted to kiss her neck and hug her. As he did so, he intentionally touched her chest. She broke away from him and Gray left for a time. Grey then returned, grabbed the victim's hand, and pulled her towards his groin area. The victim was able to get away. She immediately reported this to a security guard and then to the police.

During the trial, the victim testified that she wasn't sure she should report it but was afraid he would do this to others. Her bravery in coming to court and testifying was inspirational. She was assisted by Odie, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office comfort dog.

The case was investigated by Officer Amy Groner of the Monterey Police Department.

The jury trial lasted three days and was presided over by Retired Monterey Superior Court Judge Russell D. Scott. Sentencing will be in front of Judge Scott on April 6, 2017. Gray faces a maximum of 3 years and 8 months in prison.