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SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN PRISON FOR TRANSPORTING HEROIN WITH THE INTENT TO SELL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Victor Ray Hill, age 42, a resident of Seaside, was sentenced to serve 9 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for his act of transporting heroin with the intent to sell.

On December 15, 2016, Hill was stopped by Officer Dillon of the Seaside Police Department for driving without a front license plate. When Hill was asked for his identification, he provided the false name of "Donnie Elkins." Officer Dillon noticed that Hill was acting nervous and sweating profusely during their conversation. Eventually, Hill told Officer Dillon that he was carrying a few knives and gave him permission to search his body and the car that he was driving.

When Officer Dillon searched Hill, he found black tar heroin wrapped in a plastic bag in his pants pocket along with a large amount of cash and a plastic bag that contained many smaller coin sized plastic baggies. A search of the car yielded a golf ball sized mass of heroin wrapped in plastic wrap, a digital scale with heroin residue on it, and 2.8 additional grams of heroin that was found in a plastic container. The packaging and amount of heroin coupled with the scale, baggies, and large amount of cash confirmed that Hill was transporting the heroin with the intent to sell.

Today, Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced the defendant to 3 years for transportation of a controlled substance for sale. The term was doubled to 6 years after the defendant admitted he suffered a prior "strike" offense, robbery, in April of 2003. Three additional years were added to Hill's sentence because he had previously been convicted of selling a controlled substance in 2012. Hill will spend a total of 9 years in prison for his crimes.