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## **SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PROBATION VIOLATION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Niklesh Pahalad, age 22 was sentenced to 2 years in prison for violating his probation.

On February 28, 2016 MCSO Sheriff's deputies observed a BMW sedan on Harcourt Avenue driving in excess of 25 mph. As the deputy followed the vehicle the driver made several turns and drove through two stop signs without pause. When the deputy attempted a traffic stop Pahalad accelerated to evade him.

The pursuit lasted approximately ten minutes during which Pahalad drove through several controlled intersections both with stop signs and traffic lights without slowing for any of them. The pursuit ranged from speeds of 40 mph to 80 mph on surface streets and through residential neighborhoods.

On May 3, 2016 Pahalad was placed on three years of formal probation. The defendant violated his probation multiple times by committing new law violations. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver sentenced Pahalad to 2 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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