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## **TRANSIENT MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Kyle Gray, a homeless man who frequented the city of Monterey, was sentenced to two years in prison by Judge Russell Scott after being found guilty by a jury in March of committing lewd acts on a 15 year old child.

The incident occurred on December 13, 2016 at Starbucks in downtown Monterey. Grey approached the 15 year old victim, asked her age and 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. Gray 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.

Officer Amy Groner of the Monterey Police Department investigated the case.