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PACIFIC GROVE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EVADING POLICE OFFICERS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Pacific Grove resident Terry Veal, age 56, was sentenced to four years for recklessly evading a police officer. Veal also admitted a prior strike conviction for a residential burglary.

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, at approximately 3:35pm, a Seaside police officer observed Veal driving on the 1200 block of Hilby Avenue. The officer recognized Veal as a suspect in a recent burglary, and attempted to stop Veal to question him about his involvement. Veal initially pulled over, then suddenly accelerated and made a quick turn onto a nearby street. Seaside police officers initiated a pursuit. During the pursuit, Veal ran several stop signs and traffic lights, drove through residential neighborhoods at 60 miles per hour, and caused several other drivers to slam on their brakes to avoid colliding with him.

Veal's dangerous driving put not only his own life at risk, but also endangered the officers and public. Officers continued to pursue Veal for several minutes until they were forced to terminate the pursuit in the interest of public safety.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert Burlison sentenced Veal on May 18, 2017, to four years in state prison.

This case was investigated by Seaside Police Officer Anthony Snell.

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