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SALINAS MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE FOR SALES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Dolen Wrinkle, age 50, was sentenced to sixteen months in county jail following his guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine for sales.

On April 17, 2017, at approximately 8:48 p.m., a Salinas police officer on patrol observed Wrinkle driving a dark-colored Jeep. The officer recognized Wrinkle and knew he was wanted on a no-bail warrant. The officer initiated a traffic stop in the parking lot of the Dollar General store at the corner of Iris and North Main Street in Salinas. Wrinkle was immediately arrested and searched. Wrinkle had 16.5 grams of methamphetamine in individually wrapped bags, two methamphetamine pipes, and over a thousand dollars in cash in his pockets. Officers later conducted a probation search of Wrinkle's house, and found two more baggies of methamphetamine, a digital scale, and packaging consistent with drug sales in a locked shed in the backyard. The net weight of the seized methamphetamine was 30.5 grams.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Wrinkle to sixteen months in prison, which will be served in County Jail due to Realignment.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Zachary Dunagan, currently assigned to the Violence Suppression Unit.