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PRUNEDALE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Tomas Troncoso Rocha, age 27, a resident of Prunedale, was found guilty by jury of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while having a 0.08% or higher blood alcohol with a prior conviction, driving when privilege suspended for prior DUI conviction, and driving without evidence of financial responsibility. The case was heard by Superior Court Judge Efren Iglesia.

On May 9, 2017, a California Highway Patrol Officer observed Tomas Rocha driving southbound in the northbound turn lane on San Miguel Canyon Road in Prunedale. The officer conducted a traffic stop and observed that Rocha had objective signs and symptoms of impairment. Upon further investigation, the officer confirmed that Rocha was driving while under the influence of alcohol. The evidentiary chemical test revealed that Rocha had a 0.14% breath alcohol concentration (BRAC). Rocha was also driving with a suspended license due to prior DUI conviction and driving without evidence of financial responsibility. The California Highway Patrol Officer arrested Rocha for these violations of the California Vehicle Code.

The defendant was sentenced to 74 days in custody.