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CASTROVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 20, 2017, Timothy Allen Murray, age 45, was sentenced to a total term of two years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

On May 10, 2017, a Sand City police officer observed Murray's vehicle as it made an illegal left turn. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted Murray in the front passenger seat. Murray, who was too intoxicated to drive, had his unlicensed friend drive his vehicle for him. Due to the license status of Murray's friend, the officer had both men exit the vehicle in order to tow it. During an inventory search of the vehicle, the officer located a revolver on the passenger seat, where Murray has been seated. Murray is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction.

On May 23, 2017, Murray entered a plea of no contest to a felony count of unlawful possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle.

The case was investigated by Sand City Police Officer Brandon Segovia.