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## **JURY FINDS MONTEREY MAN GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND DRIVING WITH A BLOOD ALCOHOL OF GREATER THAN .08%**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on July 12, 2017, Jeffrey Johnsen, age 55, a resident of Monterey, was found guilty by jury of driving under the influence and driving with a blood alcohol of greater than .08%.

On August 2, 2016, Johnsen drank at his home before driving on Skyline Drive in the City of Monterey. Johnsen attempted to turn around at the intersection of Skyline and Pinehill, where he backed his car over a curb and part way off a small hill. A concerned citizen saw Johnsen's vehicle hanging off the hillside, supported only by a tree, and called the Monterey Police Department. Officer Shasta Vanetti responded and determined the vehicle belonged to Johnsen, who had left the scene of the collision to return home.

Officer Vanetti contacted Johnsen at his house and conducted a driving under the influence investigation. Johnsen admitted to Officer Vanetti that he did not drink any alcohol after the collision. As a result of her investigation, Officer Vanetti learned that Johnsen was under the influence of alcohol and could not safely operate a motor vehicle at the time he drove. A chemical analysis of Johnsen's blood returned a blood alcohol content of 0.19%.

Judge Stephen Sillman presided over the trial and sentenced Johnsen to five years of informal probation, ten days in the Monterey County Jail, and DUI classes.

Monterey Police Officer Shasta Vanetti investigated this case.

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