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PASO ROBLES WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH FIVE PRIORS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Janice Raehn, age 64, was convicted of and sentenced for driving under the influence with five priors.

On July 6, 2017, the California Highway Patrol was called by a concerned citizen regarding a possible DUI driver on Southbound 101 near the Jolon Road off-ramp. The witness stated the defendant's vehicle was traveling all over the road, weaving, and going into oncoming traffic. The defendant initially denied consuming any alcohol prior to driving but showed numerous signs of impairment. She provided a breath sample of a .14, nearly double the legal limit.

Raehn has a long record of driving under the influence which includes 5 prior convictions in both Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, including one prior felony conviction.

Judge Julie Culver sentenced Raehn to the upper term of three years in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

California Highway Patrol Officer Brandon Smith conducted the investigation and arrest in this incident. This case was presented by members of the District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.