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SANTA CRUZ MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DUI

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Shane Olivo-Pedroza, age 25, a resident of Santa Cruz, was found guilty by jury of driving under the influence of alcohol and guilty of driving without holding a valid driver license. The jury also found that the defendant did willfully refuse a peace officer's request to submit to chemical testing. The case was heard by Superior Court Judge Elisabeth Mineta.

On July 31, 2016, a motorist traveling southbound on Arroyo Seco Road observed a male in his mid-twenties stumbling and falling down as he walked northbound along the shoulder of the road. He was seen approximately 100 yards north of a parked SUV. The concerned motorist reported his observations to County Communications. California Highway Patrol Officer McFarland arrived on the scene approximately 25 minutes later and located the parked vehicle.

Upon further investigation, the officer eventually made contact with Olivo-Pedroza who matched the description provided by the concerned motorist. Olivo-Pedroza exhibited objective signs and symptoms of impairment, but refused to submit to any field sobriety tests. Olivo-Pedroza was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, but refused to submit to chemical testing.

The jury found the defendant guilty on one count of driving under the influence and one count of driving without holding a valid driver license. The Court remanded Olivo-Pedroza into custody on August 23, 2017. The court will sentence the defendant on August 25, 2017.

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