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TRANSIENT PLEADS GUILTY TO INDECENT EXPOSURE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on November 28, Hodges Foster Mitchell, age 59, a transient, pled guilty to one count of indecent exposure, a felony offense. Mitchell has a prior conviction for indecent exposure in 1991, and a prior strike conviction for assault with the intent to commit rape in 1984.

Mitchell was on active parole at the time of the offense and had a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracker attached to his ankle. On September 1, 2017, at around 12:45 p.m., Mitchell's parole officer, Gabriel Perez, received a phone call informing him that Mitchell had possibly exposed his genitals in public. After receiving this phone call, Officer Perez began tracking Mitchell's location through his GPS tracker and located Mitchell in the area near the Monterey County Probation Department in Salinas. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Perez observed Mitchell laying on his side in the bushes by the Probation Department. Officer Perez noticed that Mitchell was exposing himself and touching himself in a sexual manner. The intersection near the Monterey County Probation Department has a lot of foot traffic, and there were several people in the area at the time of the offense.

The case was investigated by CDCR Parole Officer Gabriel Perez, and Officer Michael Muscutt and Sergeant Lalo Villegas from the Salinas Police Department.

Judge Carrie M. Panetta will sentence Mitchell on January 15, 2018 to two years and eight months to be served in state prison. Mitchell will also be required to register as a sex offender.

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