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SEASIDE MAN PLEAD GUILTY TO ALCOHOL-RELATED RECKLESS DRIVING

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Seaside resident Omar Hassan Carter, age 35, plead guilty to alcohol-related reckless driving after beginning a jury trial.

The incident occurred in March 2017 on East Franklin and Camino El Estero in Monterey. Carter ran through two back-to-back stop signs and was pulled over by Monterey Police Department Officer Kevin Seaver. The officer immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol and Carter admitted to drinking. Carter refused to perform any field sobriety tests and refused to step from his vehicle. Finally, he requested to take the “breathalyzer,” or PAS test. One result was obtained and Carter was arrested for driving under the influence.

After the arrest, Carter refused to submit to an evidentiary chemical test, despite being given two opportunities to do so. He continually stated that he was submitting to testing “under duress.” An open container of Hennessy was found behind the driver’s seat in his vehicle.

Carter plead guilty to alcohol-related reckless driving and was sentenced on January 9, 2018 before the Monterey County Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills. He received five days in jail and five years of probation.

The case was investigated by Monterey Police Department Officers Kevin Seaver, John Olney and Aaron Delgado.