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MONTEREY MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND DRIVING WITH A BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL ABOVE .08%.

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that on January 10, 2018, David Cota, age 26, was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol level above a .08%.

On March 30, 2017 at approximately 1:50 a.m., California Highway Patrol Officer McDaniel saw Cota driving southbound on Highway 1 near Molera Road going 71 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. When the officer spoke with Cota, he showed the objective signs and symptoms of intoxication. Cota admitted to drinking two 16 ounce beers at a bar in Santa Cruz prior to driving back to Monterey.

Field sobriety tests showed Cota was under the influence of alcohol while he was driving. A sample of Cota's breath taken just 15 minutes after the officer initially stopped him showed his breath alcohol level was .092 and .082 percent. A blood sample taken an hour and twenty minutes later showed Cota's blood alcohol level was down to .074 percent.

The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta. The Honorable Judge Panetta sentenced Cota to 20 days in Monterey County Jail and placed him on probation for five years.

California Highway Patrol Officer Adama McDaniel investigated this case.

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