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SEASIDE MAN SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF NUNCHUCKS AND METHAMPHETAMINE PIPE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Seaside resident Donald Wayne Vierra, age 64, was sentenced by the Judge Julie Culver to 4 years, 6 months prison for possession of nunchucks and a methamphetamine pipe.

The incident occurred in March 2017 on Fremont Boulevard and Francis Avenue. Vierra was stumbling in traffic, crossing Fremont Boulevard. An officer on routine patrol observed this and decided to contact Vierra. As Vierra approached the officer, he was holding a 6.25-inch kitchen knife in his hand. He was stopped and searched. The officer found nunchucks wrapped in a Hustler magazine up Vierra's left jacket sleeve. The officer also found a methamphetamine pipe in Vierra's vest pocket.

During a court trial, Vierra admitted to a prior strike conviction as well as four prior prison terms. Vierra was sentenced to the middle term of 2 years, doubled for the prior strike conviction, for the nunchucks and to 6 months for the methamphetamine pipe.

The case was investigated by Seaside Police Department Officers Matthew Doza and Jonathan Moore.