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ROYAL OAKS MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR FIRST DEGREE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 30, 2018, Royal Oaks resident Richard Warrick, age 51, was sentenced to eight years in prison for committing a first-degree residential burglary in North Monterey County.

In July 2017, the victims had to travel out of state unexpectedly to tend to a family member's medical emergency. They were gone for about three months, and asked Warrick, the son of a family friend, to housesit during their absence. When they returned home, they found their house had been burglarized. Deputy Aly Najem's investigation revealed that Warrick had stolen approximately \$69,000 worth of property from the victims' residence. The stolen items ranged from the meat in their freezer to sentimental jewelry stolen from their bedroom.

During the sentencing hearing, the victim gave a powerful victim impact statement. While wearing his military service uniform and noting he had served this country for over 13,000 days, he detailed how Warrick's behavior had turned his family's life upside down. He told the court how he and his wife are reminded of Warrick daily as they continue to discover items missing throughout their home, and how Warrick's actions severely impacted their family financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Warrick to four years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. His sentence was then doubled due to a prior "strike" conviction related to a 2007 residential burglary. Additionally, Judge Burlison ordered Warrick pay \$69,000 in restitution to the victims.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Deputy Sheriff Aly Najem.

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