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**STRIKE OFFENDER SENTENCED TO
PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF
AMMUNITION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that James Lee Insular, age 31, a transient, was sentenced to prison for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

On November 19, 2017, an employee of the 7-Eleven store, located on Beach Road in Marina, called the police to report a suspicious person loitering in and around the business. The employee reported that the person had been going in and out of the store's restroom for the last 2 hours.

When Marina police officers arrived on scene, they found that Insular had locked himself in the restroom. When the officers knocked, Insular opened the door and the officers saw black tar heroin on the trash can cover behind him. When the officers searched Insular, they found ammunition in his pants' pocket. Insular was prohibited from having ammunition because of a prior felony conviction for robbery, a "strike" offense under California's Three Strikes Law.

Today, Judge Pamela L. Butler sentenced Insular to 16 months in prison, which was doubled due to his strike offense for a total sentence of 32 months in prison.

This case was investigated by Marina Police Officer Solis.