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MARINA MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced that on April 11, 2018, Marina resident Jacob Rankin, age 22, was found guilty after a jury trial of driving under the influence of methamphetamine.

On September 23, 2017, in the early evening, Monterey Police Officer Aaron Gray observed a car driven by Rankin speeding and squealing its tires in the downtown area of Monterey. After the traffic stop, Officer Gray noticed Rankin's eyes were bloodshot and that he had marijuana crumbs in his lap. Additionally, he was sweating profusely and speaking very rapidly, both strong indicators of methamphetamine use. Officer Gray asked him to perform field sobriety tests which he failed. Rankin was arrested for driving under the influence and booked into the Monterey City Jail where he flew into a violent one hour rage, punching and kicking the plexiglass window until it cracked.

A test of Rankin's blood returned positive for methamphetamine.

Rankin was sentenced today, April 12, 2018, by Judge Efren Iglesia to 240 days in county jail and 5 years probation. The lengthy sentence was due to him having two prior DUIs.

Monterey Police officer Russell Jenkins assisted Officer Gray in this case.