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SEASIDE MAN CONVICTED OF RESISTING ARREST AND PUBLIC INTOXICATION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that after a two-day trial, a jury found Christopher Muhly, a 58-year-old resident of Seaside, California, guilty of public intoxication and two counts of resisting, obstructing, or delaying a peace officer after a two-day trial.

On November 6, 2017, officers from the Monterey Police Department responded to reports of an intoxicated man walking in-and-out of traffic on Del Monte Avenue in downtown Monterey. Officers located Muhly at the scene after he stepped directly in front of their patrol car, nearly causing a collision.

After several failed attempts to detain Muhly, the two officers went to the ground with Muhly and a struggle ensued. As circumstances continued to deteriorate, the officers called for "Code 3" backup and five additional officers responded to the scene. Muhly remained belligerent and non-cooperative, requiring five officers to load him into their patrol vehicle. At the jail, Muhly became combative with jail staff and physically resisted being placed in a jail cell. It took nearly an hour and at least seven police officers to detain and arrest Muhly.

Judge Thomas W. Wills will sentence the defendant on May 18, 2018. Muhly faces up to two and a half years in county jail.

Officers Brent Hall, Arvin Sanjideh, and many others from the Monterey Police Department investigated this case.

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