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Man Sentenced to Prison for Possession of Methamphetamine While Armed with a Gun

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Julio Meraz, age 32, a resident of King City, has been sentenced to serve 6 years in prison for possessing methamphetamine while armed with a firearm.

On June 21, 2017, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies pulled Meraz over for unsafe traffic maneuvers. As deputies approached Meraz, he looked back at them and began making quick movements inside of his car, ignoring the deputies' calls to step out of his car with his hands up.

When the Sheriff deputies reached the car, they discovered a torn baggie with methamphetamine residue inside. Through further inspection, deputies saw that Meraz had spread a large amount methamphetamine throughout the car. Deputies also discovered a backpack on the passenger floorboard, that contained Meraz's debit card, along with a Glock 23 semiautomatic handgun.

Today, the Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced the Defendant to 6 years in prison for his crime.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Detective Nicholas Kennedy.