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## **MARINA WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND DRIVING WITH A BAC OF OVER .08**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 8 former Marina resident Ambra Sitgraves, age 37, was found guilty after a jury trial of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a BAC of over .08%. Judge Efren Iglesia presided.

The incident occurred in January 2017 on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Inter-Garrison Road in Marina. Sitgraves lost control of her car, which spun out and crossed the road, ending up down an embankment facing the wrong direction. CSUMB Police Department Officer Manuel Duran came upon the collision and saw Sitgraves and her husband walking out from the embankment. The officer immediately noticed her eyes were bloodshot and she had the odor of alcohol on her breath. Sitgraves told the officer she had been driving and he asked her to perform field sobriety tests. He determined that she was impaired by alcohol and placed her under arrest. A test of Sitgraves' blood returned a result of .14 % alcohol.

Judge Efren Iglesia sentenced Sitgraves to 20 days in jail and 5 years probation. The case was investigated by CSUMB Police Department Officers Manuel Duran and Carolyn Peliova.