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## **SEASIDE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OBTAINING AIDE BY MEANS OF MISREPRESENTATION WITH IN THE COUNTY MONTEREY**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on July 10, 2018, Melvin White, age 49, a resident of Seaside, pled guilty to receiving aide over \$950.00 by misrepresentation, a felony. The plea was taken by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Mark Hood.

Between January 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017, White received both cash aide and food stamps from the Department of Social Services, claiming that his teenage son was living with him and that he needed these benefits to help care for him. An investigation by the Department of Social Services and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office revealed that his son was not living in his household during the above dates, but was in fact living at another residence. This resulted in White receiving benefits he was not entitled to. In addition, it was discovered that White had misrepresented his son's living situation on several of his eligibility status reports he filed with the Department of Social Services. White's misrepresentations resulted in a total over payment of benefits of \$6,022.00.

White will be sentenced by Judge Hood on August 30, 2018. He faces three years of formal felony probation, up to 365 days in jail, and will be ordered to pay back the over payment directly to the Department of Social Services.

The case was investigated by the Department of Social Services and District Attorney Investigator Kris Hunsaker.