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LOS ANGELES MAN CONVICTED OF RESISTING ARREST AND OBSTRUCTING A BUSINESS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on July 16, 2018, Los Angeles resident Michael Wass, age 58, was convicted by a jury of resisting arrest, assault on a peace officer and obstructing a business.

On June 20, 2018, at about 9:00 am, employees of D'Arrigo Brothers shipping facility found Wass asleep near the entry to their facility, interfering with trucks attempting to exit the business. When asked to move so that he would not be injured, he became aggressive and threatening, prompting the employees to call for law enforcement. When Sheriff's deputies arrived, they asked Wass to move, but he refused, becoming immediately combative. When Deputy Burdick reached toward Wass, he swung his fists and kicked his legs, attempting to strike Deputy Burdick. Wass had to be pepper sprayed to stop the attack. Wass continued to fight, kick and spit all the way to the hospital, where he was violent with hospital staff, and to the jail, where he had to be bodily carried into a cell.

Judge Efrain Iglesia sentenced Wass to three years probation, 180 days in jail, and ordered to stay away from D'Arrigo Brothers facility.

The case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies Robert Gonzalez and John Burdick.