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**FORMER PACIFIC GROVE MAN FOUND  
GUILTY OF DRIVING UNDER THE  
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that after a four-day jury trial Joseph Wiseman, age 37, a former resident of Pacific Grove, California was found guilty by jury on October 26, 2018 of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while having a 0.08% blood alcohol content (BAC) or more. The jury also found true a high blood alcohol enhancement that the defendant had driven with a 0.20% BAC or more as to both counts. Judge Mark Hood presided.

On June 28, 2016, the Monterey Police Department received a call stating that a car was suspiciously pulled over on the side of the road on Skyline Drive in Monterey. The caller stated that a woman was lying on the ground next to the car and a man was standing over her.

When officers arrived, they noticed that the front passenger tire of the vehicle was blown and shredding off the rim. After making contact with the defendant, they noticed he had red, watery eyes, smelled of alcohol, and had thick, slurry speech. The defendant then performed poorly on a series of field sobriety tests and was arrested. The blood analysis revealed that his BAC was 0.24%.

Judge Hood sentenced the defendant to five years of informal probation with terms and conditions including 60 days in county jail (suspended), 400 hours of community service, and a term to totally abstain from drinking or possessing any alcoholic beverage, among other terms.

Sergeant Aaron Delgado and Officer Bryce Morgan of the Monterey Police Department investigated this case.

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