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PACIFIC GROVE MAN CONVICTED OF DUI

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Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on March 20, 2019, Russel W. Martin was found guilty of driving under the influence after a two-day jury trial.

On July 8, 2018, just before midnight, after drinking at The Bulldog British Pub in Monterey, Martin decided to drive to his home in Pacific Grove. While in route, he made an illegal left turn and partially drove on the wrong side of the road. Monterey Police Officer Timothy Ament noticed these two violations and pulled him over. Upon contacting Martin, Office Ament immediately noticed the smell of an alcohol beverage. After a full DUI investigation Martin was arrested. He refused to take a breath test and refused to submit to a blood draw despite a search warrant ordering such. Despite Martin's refusal, the jury determined that he was impaired for purposes of driving.

The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Efren Iglesia. After trial, Judge Iglesia sentenced the defendant, who had prior DUI convictions, to 90 days in county jail, and five years of probation.

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