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SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSING METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE MONTEREY COUNTY JAIL

People v Sang Tran; 19CR001041

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced that yesterday a jury found Sang Tran, age 39, guilty of possessing methamphetamine in the Monterey County Jail.

On January 25, 2019, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies received information that Tran had methamphetamine at the jail. Two deputies conducted a strip search of Tran. The first deputy squeezed Tran's underwear with his hands, did not find any contraband, and tossed the underwear into a dirty clothes bin. The second deputy retrieved Tran's underwear from the dirty clothes bin and examined it a second time, finding a clear plastic bundle with 0.756 grams, net weight, of methamphetamine in the crotch pocket of the underwear.

Judge Mark E. Hood will sentence Tran on May 16, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. in Department 6 of the Monterey County Superior Court in Salinas. He faces a maximum term of either 3 years in state prison or 4 years in the Monterey County Jail pursuant to section 1170(h) of the Penal Code.

This case was investigated by Sergeant Nicholas Kennedy and Deputies Robert Lee, Mathew Mitchell, Cristian Estrada, and Mark Gurley of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Investigator Tim Wilmore of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.