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KING CITY MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH PRIOR CONVICTIONS

People v. Perez; 19CR002912

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that 31-year-old King City resident Vincente Perez was sentenced to the upper term of three years in the county jail pursuant to PC 1170(h) for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher with three prior convictions. The defendant will serve one year in Monterey County Jail and two years on Mandatory Supervision.

On March 18, 2019, California Highway Patrol officers observed a dark colored sedan cross over a broken white line separating the #1 and #2 lanes and then veer back into the #2 lane. CHP initiated an enforcement stop on the vehicle. While making contact with Perez, officers observed an opened beer can behind the passenger seat and an unopened beer can in the center console. A driver history check showed that his license was suspended with prior DUI convictions in 2009, 2013 and 2015. As officers continued to speak with Perez they could smell a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. When Perez was asked if he had consumed any alcohol he admitted to drinking one beer. A DUI investigation concluded that the two breath samples provided by Perez, resulted in a reading of 0.199% BAC and 0.216%, over two times the legal limit.

California Highway Patrol Officer Brett was instrumental in conducting the investigation that resulted in the arrest and conviction.

This case was presented by members of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.