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51-YEAR-OLD MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FAILING TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER AND DRIVING WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE

People v. Brett Jones; 18CR011172

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Brett Jones, age 51, a resident of Carmel and Salinas, was found guilty by jury of two felony counts of failing to register as a sex offender and one count of driving without a valid driver's license. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

Keefe Branch was convicted of committing a sex offense in Arizona in 1998, and as a result, was required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. In 1999, Keefe Branch legally changed his name to Brett Randoff Toriano Keefe Henry Kana-Shaphel Hithrappes Jones-Theophilus (hereinafter "Jones"). Jones registered as a sex offender in Arizona twice. At the time he registered, he was notified that if he relocates to another state, he must comply with the registration requirements of that state. He subsequently moved to Puerto Rico, where he was convicted of failing to register as a sex offender in July 2014.

Jones later changed his name to "Eeon." District Attorney Investigator Steven Guidi wrote a search warrant for all the data from Eeon's email accounts which revealed that Brett Jones-Theophilus and Eeon were the same person. Jones moved to Salinas, California in November 2016, and lived at a residence in Salinas until May 2017. In January 2018, Jones moved to Carmel, California, and resided there until May 2018. According to California law, he was required to register as a sex offender within 5 days of coming into a city in California. He never registered as a sex offender in California between 2016-2018, in violation of Penal Code section 290.

Judge Carrie M. Panetta will sentence Jones on May 30, 2019. He faces up to 4 years and 2 months in prison.

The case was investigated by Investigator Steven Guidi from the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.