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## **ATASCADERO MAN FOUND GUILTY OF BATTERY ON HIS SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that a Monterey County jury found Gregory Andrews, age 52, guilty of one count of battery on a spouse and two counts of child abuse. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On February 22, 2015, Gregory Andrews, his wife, and their two daughters (ages 8 and age 10) were on their way home from church, when they began arguing over family issues. Andrews turned the car off the main road and indicated they were going to figure out these issues once and for all. Andrew's wife panicked and threw the car into park and removed the keys to keep Andrews from driving further down the road. Andrews became enraged and slammed his wife's head into the center console 2-3 times. His oldest daughter, age 10, jumped over the driver's seat to pull Andrews off his wife and was struck by Andrews causing a scratch underneath her eye. Andrew's wife called the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and Andrews was arrested.

Odie, The District Attorney's comfort dog, accompanied the juvenile victim to court. She sat with the victim throughout her testimony, and provided a great deal of support and comfort to the victim during her testimony.

After 2 hours of deliberation the jury found the defendant guilty on all charges. Judge Liu sentenced him to 360 days in jail and four years of probation. The defendant was ordered to attend 52 weeks of domestic violence counseling and 52 weeks of parenting classes.

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