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## **SURF INSTRUCTOR SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS FOR ASSAULT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Marc Cross, age 64, of Carmel, was sentenced to five years state prison by Judge Pamela Butler for the brutal attack on Karen Ford.

On January 24, 2014, Mr. Cross was renting a room in Ms. Ford's home in Carmel. A neighbor heard cries of help from Ms. Ford, and then three "whacks that sounded like an ax hitting a tree." The neighbor called 9-1-1. When Sheriff's deputies arrived they found Ms. Ford with her head split open and Mr. Cross in bed "pretending to be sleeping and highly intoxicated." He was arrested, questioned, but could not remember what happened. Ms. Ford suffered a cracked cranium, went through two surgeries, and will require more medical treatment for what is now a permanent debilitating condition.

Mr. Cross pled guilty to an assault charge and causing great bodily harm in Judge Butler's court on June 5, 2015. This case was investigated by Detective Marty Opseth of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

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