



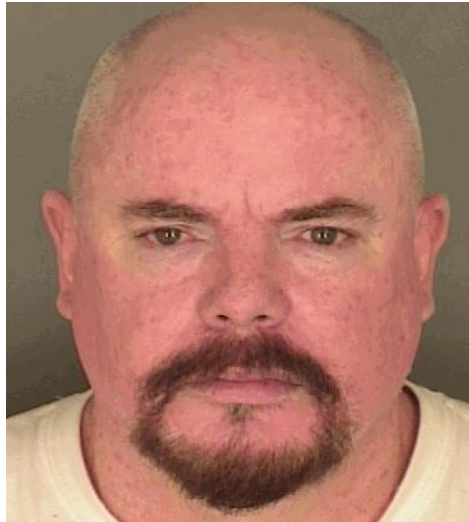
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On February 11, 2021 at approximately 10:35 a.m., a Monterey Police Officer attempted to perform a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle for a violation of the California Vehicle Code in the area of Del Monte Avenue and Virgin Avenue. The vehicle did not yield to the officer and continued driving. After driving approximately five blocks, the vehicle yielded in the 400 block of English Avenue.

Officers contacted the driver, identified as Benjamin Gogarty 49 years old of Monterey, and determined he had a suspended driver's license. Officers placed Gogarty under arrest for failing to yield to a police vehicle and upon searching him, found a bag of methamphetamine and narcotics smoking paraphernalia. Upon searching Gogarty's car, officers located a disassembled Polymer 80 handgun with no serial number. These types of firearms are often referred to as "ghost guns" as they are nearly impossible to trace.

Gogarty was booked into the Monterey County Jail on charges of 24610 PC – possession of undetectable firearm, 25400(a)(1) PC - possession of unloaded firearm in vehicle, 14601.2(a) CVC – driving on suspended driver's license, 11377(a) HS – possession of methamphetamine, 11364(a) HS – possession of drug paraphernalia, 2800.1(a) VC – failing to yield to a police vehicle and 23152(c) CVC - DUI addicted to drugs. Due to the current Emergency Bail Schedule, Gogarty's bail was set at \$0 and he was released on bail.



Benjamin Gogarty

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Monterey Police Department at (831) 646-3831. Or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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