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**SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF
CHILD MOLESTATION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Juan Roberto Ramos, age 30, of Salinas, was found guilty by a jury of one count of sexual intercourse with a child 10 years of age or younger; one count of oral copulation with a child 10 years of age or younger, and two counts of lewd acts on a child under 14, which occurred at a residence in Salinas on June 27, 2008. Judge Russell Scott presided over the trial.

On June 27, 2008, the defendant went to the then seven-year-old victim's home while her parents were at work, and she was being watched by an adult sibling. While the victim's older sister was in the kitchen cooking lunch, the defendant went into the victim's bedroom, closed the door and sexually assaulted her. The molestation was disclosed the next day when the victim complained of pain to her mother. Her mother immediately contacted the police.

The young girl, now age nine, testified at the defendant's trial and described the defendant's acts of molestation against her to the jury.

The defendant faces a maximum of 50 years to life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for February 24, 2010.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Luis Bravo, Raul Rosales and Ernesto Sanchez.