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## **SOLEDAD WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO A POLICE OFFICER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Gracia Naranjo, age 24, a resident of Soledad, was found guilty by jury of giving false information to a police officer. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Vanessa Vallarta.

On August 28, 2015, Gracia Naranjo was a passenger in a vehicle involved in a traffic collision on North Main Street in Salinas. Salinas Police officers responded to the scene. Prior to the officers' arrival, Naranjo and her boyfriend, the driver of the vehicle switched positions. During the investigation, officers suspected Naranjo's boyfriend was under the influence of alcohol. However, Naranjo repeatedly stated that she was the driver of the vehicle, despite statements from multiple witnesses indicating they had observed a male driver.

After 12 minutes of deliberation the jury found Naranjo guilty of giving false information to a police officer. She was sentenced to a total of 30 days in county jail and three years of probation.